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Estate revival scheme enters final stages

John's charity fundraiser gets a head start!

John Roberts after Lyn (right) and Victoria of Skelmersdale's Lyn's Kutz provided a colourful boost to his fundraising project.

BIG-hearted John Roberts' bid to raise money for the disabled young son of a close pal has been given a 'head start' - courtesy of a local hairdresser's.

John, from Banksbarn, Skelmersdale, decided to grow his hair and beard and dye them different colours before inviting family and friends to sponsor him to have them shaved and cut off in time for his daughter's wedding in May.

Now he is sporting a shock of bright red hair and a green-tinted beard after being given a makeover by Lyn and Victoria of Lyn's Kutz in Ormskirk Road.

The aim is to raise funds for his friend's young son, Joe Stockton, who was born with Miller-Dieker Syndrome, a disorder characterized by congenital malformations.

John, a 55-year-old West Lancs Council employee, said: "I normally have really short hair and a trim beard but I decided to grow them - and add a dash of colour - until my daughter Amy's wedding in May, then hopefully get plenty of sponsorship to have them cut in aid of little Joe

"This is my first fundraising effort and any money raised will go to Joe's trust fund although I haven't set a target figure."

FOODBANK USE ON THE RISE

Report by **Henry James**

Figures show nearly 2,000 three-day emergency supply packs handed out in last year

THE Skelmersdale Foodbank handed out 1,929 three-day emergency food supplies to residents in the town in the last year - an increase of more than 300 on the previous year - with the recipients including nearly 700 children.

That is according to the latest figures published by the Trussell Trust foodbank network, which show UK-wide foodbank figures for 2015-16 remaining at record levels with no sign of national need decreasing

At the Skelmersdale Foodbank, based at the Ecumenical Centre, the top three reasons for referral were benefit delay (309); benefit change (180); and low income (106).

Over the last year, local people have donated 2,1908.8 tonnes of food to Skelmersdale Foodbank, while more than 80 volunteers were recruited to help out.

Local schools, businesses and faith groups have also provided vital support to the foodbank, enabling them to give three days' nutritionally balanced food and support to people in crisis.

As well as providing emergency food, Skelmersdale Foodbank provides essentials like washing powder, nappies and hygiene products to families who are struggling, as well as signposting them to other services in the local area.

Janet Anderson, Skelmersdale Foodbank manager, said: "We are still seeing an increase in the number of three-day emergency food supplies provided to local people in crisis, a total of 1,929 in the last year.

"It is all too easy when you look at figures to forget the real people behind the statistics.

"Last week, a lady with a family on benefits had just been scraping by but the sudden death of a family member meant she had unexpected expenses that her budget wouldn't stretch to cover. This was obviously out of her control and meant she was unable to afford food for her family. That's why the foodbank is so vital.

"We are very grateful for the ongoing support of the community, and hope that one day there will be no need for us in Skelmersdale. But until that day comes, we will continue to offer the best possible service to help local people facing a crisis."

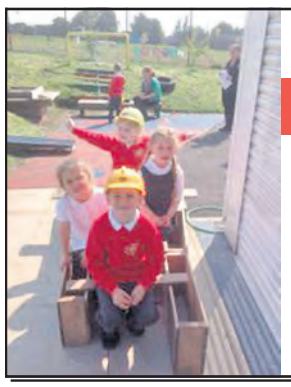
The running costs for the foodbank include warehouse space, to sort and stock donated food, and other overheads like insurances. Any business or individual interested in in supporting the foodbank's work can find out more at www.skelmersdale.foodbank.org.uk.

Sex charge priest found dead

A CATHOLIC priest who was arrested last year on suspicion of child sexual abuse in Up Holland has been found dead on the day he was due to answer bail.

Father Ernest Sands, 67, was found dead in Oswestry on Monday, April 11.

Lancashire Police arrested him last year for alleged sexually assaulting five young boys in the 1970s and 1980s while he was a teacher at St Joseph's Roman Catholic College in Up Holland. His death is not being treated as suspicious.



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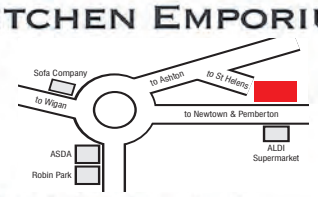

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Transport chief slams 'derisory' pothole fund

by **Henry James**

THE county's transport chief has slammed the government's funding allocation to Lancashire for repairs to potholes as "derisory."

Councillor John Fillis, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for highways and transport, hit out after the announcement by the government that the council will receive an extra £1.24m as part of its £250 million Pothole Action Fund included in the 2016 Budget.

Announcing the funding, Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin, said: "I know how important well-maintained roads are to people across the North West. Almost every journey starts and ends on a local road, so the government is giving councils in the North West £6.4 million specifically to tackle the blight of potholes in their area.

"We are giving a record £625 million to local authorities in the North West that will support the Northern Powerhouse and improve journeys for all."

However, Skelmersdale East representative, Cllr. Fillis said: "In 2014/15, Lancashire County Council received, £32.266m. This included additional grants totalling £8.553m awarded by the Department for Transport and Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to deal with severe weather, of which £4.5m was assigned to potholes.

Councillor John Fillis

"Faced with even worse conditions this year pothole funding has been reduced to a derisory £1.241m - a cut of more than £3.24m."

'False economy'

He said the scale of the damage caused by the prolonged wet weather is revealed by records showing that 7,808 defects were found in February, and 7,346 in March, whereas only around 5,000 a month are usually found at the height of winter.

Cllr. Fillis added: "Our teams have been working round the clock through the worst floods that I have seen in Lancashire.

"They have done a fantastic job in extreme weather conditions. We have bought in 29 extra teams from external contractors to support our existing 24 crews in tackling the legacy of road damage, which will help us catch up on the backlog quickly.

"The Conservative government are burning the budget at both ends, by cutting general road maintenance since 2014/15 by £3.5m and further cuts to come over the next three years of £7.5m, along with the cuts to roads repair of £3.259m, this is a false economy and will cost the people of Lancashire more than the government is saving.

"We have the facts and figures to prove that well-maintained roads reduce the risk of potholes providing safer and smoother journeys. This was recognised by the government when they decided we were in the best three highway authorities in the country to deal with road maintenance.

"I do not know where the government gets its figures from when they claim funding will fill 23,415 potholes in Lancashire, they have not provided any formula with the announcement.

"People in Lancashire are paying their car tax, petrol tax and income tax, they deserve a better response than this from the Conservative government."

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Warden's flat to be converted after plans approved

Report by **Henry James**

THE borough council has received planning permission to allow them to convert the residential warden's maisonette at Marlborough Court, Skelmersdale into first floor accommodation, with ground floor guest bedroom accommodation.

The property is an end unit at the accommodation which is a two storey block of apartments for aged persons.

Council officers looked at three matters when looking at the application: the principle of development, the impact on amenity and accessibility and parking.

Officers believe the development would mean the property would "largely maintain" its original appearance as part of the residential block of flats.

Director of development and regeneration, John Harrison, wrote in the report for last Thursday's meeting (April 14): "All access and parking arrangements will remain as at present. The proposed self-contained flat will provide a satisfactory level of accommodation for future residents.

"The proposed guest bedroom will be available for use by guests visiting residents within Marlborough Court and its layout is acceptable for this purpose."

He added that the accommodation will not benefit from dedicated on-site parking, but did say that the site is accessible and located on a "well-established" pedestrian route and therefore adheres to Policy GN3 of the West Lancashire Local Plan 2012-2027.

Parking for cars will be as it is now and there will be off road parking spaces available within shared parking courts nearby.

Alfie Lund at the Skelmersdale United ground with his mother Rachel.

Skem United are true champions for Alfie!

Report by **Henry James**

SKELMERSDALE United may have had an indifferent season on the pitch but they are champions in the eyes of one West Lancashire dad of a boy who suffers from a rare chromosome disorder.

Mark Lund who set up a football 'chain of memorabilia' to raise awareness of his son Alfie's condition has thanked Skelmersdale United for their support.

Alfie Lund, eight, from Burscough, who has MECP2 Duplication syndrome, and his dad Mark were at United on Saturday, April 16.

Alfie can't walk or talk, has profound and multiple learning difficulties, suffers from recurrent chest infections and has had two bouts of serious pneumonia due to a weakened immune system.

In 2012, his parents, Mark and Rachel Lund, set out to create the longest chain of football-related memorabilia to raise awareness of Alfie's condition.

They have already collected 3,000 items, which are kept in a spare room.

The collection includes a signed pennant from Barcelona's Lionel Messi from Barcelona.

They hope to create two separate records one for the longest chain of football shirts collected and one for the longest chain of football scarves.

The world record for the longest chain of scarves is 1,300 metres, but there is no record for chains of football shirts.

The flags and scarves collected for Alfie, from all over the world, were on display before Saturday's game against Mickleover Sports. Alfie was given a signed Mickleover shirt and a Derby County shirt before kick off.

Mark said: "We have been to 64 games throughout the country since we started two seasons ago. The furthest we have travelled is Deal Town in Kent.

"Skelmersdale United have been quite fantastic. Alfie has an advertising hoarding at pitch side. Everyone at the club has always been supportive.

"We are coming to an end of our memorabilia collection and have one more ground to go to which will be 1874 Northwich FC on April 30.

"When we have counted everything I don't think we will be that far off any records.

"Picking up the collection has been emotional and draining but I want to thank everyone for their support, which has been fantastic and humbling. We have had items donated from all over the world."

End of June closure date for courts is confirmed

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THE closure date for Ormskirk Family Court and Magistrates Court is looming – it will be permanently shut by the end of June.

The court in Derby Street was one of 18 in the North West labelled as "under-used or of poor-quality' by government officials in October and earmarked for possible closure.

In February, it was confirmed as one of 86 courts and tribunal buildings that will be shut across the country.

As a result future criminal cases in West Lancashire will be dealt with at Preston Magistrates' Court, except for Skelmersdale criminal work which will instead be sent to Wigan Magistrates' Court.

All family cases will now be heard at Leyland Magistrates' Court.

The damning report stated that the courts provide a poor standard of accommodation for court users, staff and judiciary, lack proper interview areas, victim and witness facilities and have security issues in terms of the separation of judicial and public facilities.

It also stated that the building is in a poor state of repair and would require substantial expenditure to bring it up to standard.

A Ministry of Justice spokesperson confirmed to the Champion this week that the courts will definitely close between Monday, June 27 and Thursday, June 30.

Linnets fans bid to buy ground

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

BURSCOUGH FC supporters have made a bid to buy the club's Victoria Park ground.

The club's owners, Chequer Properties, want to build a replacement ground next to the current site, which will include a main stand and clubhouse.

The fans' bid is being launched by the Burscough Independent Supporters Association (BISA).

In November, the Champion reported that plans for a new ground for the club on Mart Lane had been unveiled.

Chequer Properties submitted a planning application to West Lancs Borough Council to create a replacement ground including a two-storey main stand and clubhouse, single-storey secondary stand, floodlighting, hardstandings and car park to the west of the current ground, with access from Bobby Langton Way.

The design and access statement for the development states that it could cost around £300,000 to bring the current ground up to standard and says:

Burscough FC's Victoria Park ground

"The club, as tenant, does not have the resources to carry out the remedial work and therefore the only way of providing a modern, compliant stadium is to sell the current ground for re-development to fund the new facility."

A section of the current ground would be kept by the applicant to provide access to the site. It appears that the original ground is being de-listed as an asset of community value in order to be sold off.

BISA's chairman David Hardisty said: "Burscough FC is the subject of a planning application which the Burscough Independent Supporters Association (BISA) disagree with and our objections are posted on the planning application.

"The ground is registered as an Asset of Community Value which the owner wishes to have removed and the West Lancs Borough Council, Burscough Parish Council and BISA are opposing this.

"The owner has told both councils and the tribunal that he wishes to sell Victoria Park and BISA commissioned an independent surveyor to value the ground and through their legal representatives have made a positive bid in writing to buy it.

"They have the backing of a number of individuals and organisations to assist them in their quest."

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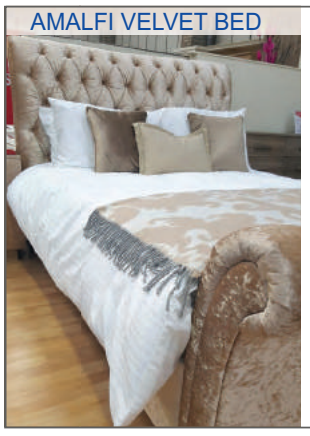

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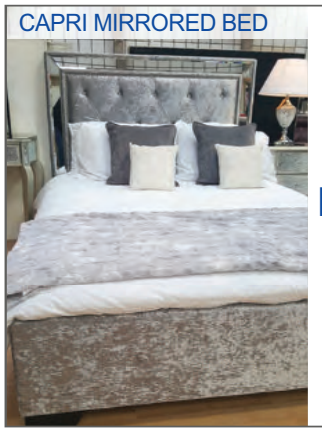

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Trio banned from borough for hunting protected hares

The banned trio (from left) James Callaghan, Christopher Hayward and Jamie Dunning

THREE men have been banned from entering West Lancashire after being caught hunting protected brown hares with dogs.

Christopher Hayward, 35, from Wrexham, North Wales and James Callaghan, 38 and 30-year-old Jamie Dunning, both from Chester, appeared at Ormskirk Magistrates Court where they were all given a two-year Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) after being found on farmland, part of the Halsall Estate, with four dogs hunting brown hares, which is a protected mammal.

The trio were given a CBO under the Hunting Act 2004 under section one, hunting a wild mammal with dogs. This is only the second time in Lancashire that a CBO has been issued under this piece of legislation. Lancashire Police were also the first force in the country to obtain such an order in December 2015 against three men from Merseyside.

They were apprehended by the gamekeeper and PC Ivan Leivers, the community beat manager and wildlife officer for the area, when they tried to leave the area after being witnessed hunting hares.

The order prohibits the three men from entering the borough with a dog, or, being in company with anyone with a dog, until January 2018. This covers a larger area than the previous CBO order granted and prevents the three from accessing some of the most frequently 'coursed' land in the county. The men are known to travel the country in pursuit of the criminal activity and this order may assist other forces if the three are prosecuted elsewhere.

PC Leivers said: "These three men had regularly and routinely entered West Lancashire with the express intent of hunting a protected mammal - the brown hare - with their dogs. Now if they continue to commit these offences, they face the very real possibility of being given a custodial sentence. Other poachers and coursers should be warned - we will apply for these orders wherever and whenever we can and when possible, as in this case, the vehicle used to transport them will be confiscated at the time of offence."

The area is predominantly arable farmland and part of the 'mosses' of West Lancashire.

Members of the local community gave statements describing the distress and issues caused by the offenders and were pleased to see the order granted.

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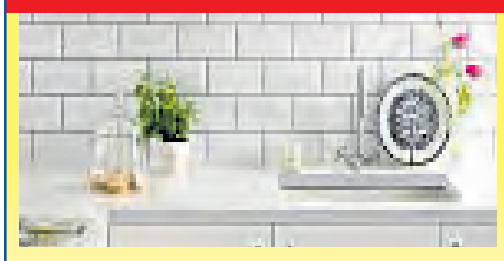

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£8m revival scheme enters final stages

AN £8 million West Lancashire Borough Council scheme to revive a Skelmersdale estate is entering its final stages as the first batch of new homes there will soon be available to rent.

The council is building 42 new homes on Firbeck to "meet the needs of modern families."

Community regeneration specialist, Keepmoat is the principal contractor building the houses and flats to the council's specifications, while Arcus are providing architectural and employer's agent services for the project.

Building works on the first eight properties has now been completed and these have been handed over to the authority so staff can organise putting them up for rent.

The eight homes are one-bedroom flats but will have the appearance of semi-detached houses.

Four flats are ground floor and the other four are first-floor and the council has described them as "attractive, energy-efficient" properties with gas central heating. Each flat has its own parking space, while each pair of flats have a shared outside space.

Anyone interested in the properties can find details of when they will be available on www.westlancshomefinder.co.uk and www.facebook.com/west.lancs.homefinder.

The new homes are part of the £8m Firbeck Revival scheme which forms part of the wider Skelmersdale Town Centre Regeneration Project.

Existing council-owned properties have already benefited from new kitchens and bathrooms and external works have transformed the appearance of the estate.

Houses have been fitted with new roofs, double-glazed uPVC windows and other improvements including external wall insulation and new canopies over the front doors.

Fencing has also been replaced on many homes to complete the transformation and ensure security.

Council officials and representatives of contractors Keepmoat and architects Arcus pictured outside the new homes.

All private home owners on Firbeck took up a council grant (repayable when properties are sold) to have some or all of these improvements carried out to their homes.

Bob Livermore, the council's director of housing and inclusion, said: "The whole Firbeck Revival scheme has been a great success and will benefit the people who live on the estate for many years to come. We plan to use this scheme to guide us in revival schemes for other estates to make even better places to live."

Frank Mondino, area director for Keepmoat in the North West, said: "It's fantastic to be supporting the council to deliver on their vision for Firbeck.

"As well as offering the provision of much-needed new homes, the regeneration of the existing infrastructure and properties in the area ensures we are catering for the wider community.

"Resident feedback has been incredibly positive and we're sure the occupants of the new homes will benefit greatly from the revival."

In total the 42 new homes will be made up of 14 one-bedroom and 12 two-bedroom flats, and 12 two-bedroom and four three-bedroom houses.

This will be only the second batch of new West Lancashire Borough Council homes built in the area in nearly 20 years.

The last ones, built on Elmstead, Tanhouse, were completed in 2011.

Frank helps preserve memorials to war heroes

A SKELMERSDALE MAN has played a part in planning the moving of war memorial plaques from the former magistrates' court in Dale Street, Liverpool to the QEII Law Courts.

Frank McKenna, 69, was involved in the team, which was led by Barry Cave, the chairman of Liverpool & Knowsley Magistrates Court Bench whose idea it was to move the plaques.

The plaques were re-dedicated in a service at the QEII Law Courts led by Reverend Dr Crispin Pailing, the Rector of Liverpool. During the service, there were several readings by Barry Cave.

Skelmersdale's Frank McKenna who attended the re-dedication ceremony of Liverpool and Knowsley Magistrates Courts' war memorial.

Moving

One of the plaques was installed in Dale Street Magistrates Court after World War I to two members of the clerical staff who died fighting in World War One, William Henry Wilson and Thomas Clayton Lindsay. The plaque had been erected by the magistrates.

William Henry Wilson, was a corporal in the Royal Engineers. Thomas Clayton Lindsay was a corporal in the 18th battalion of the King's Liverpool regiment. They were both magistrates.

There is a Second World War plaque underneath in memory of Frederick Arthur Thornley, from the Durham Light Infantry and John Ronald McGeorge, a flying officer with the RAF, who died for their country in the 1939-45 war.

Mr McKenna, who is an army veteran and one of the magistrates for the Liverpool Knowsley Magistrates Bench, said: "The re-dedication service was a moving ceremony. After Dale Street Magistrates Court closed we were not sure what would happen to the building, so it was decided to move the war plaques to the QEII Law Courts so they would not be lost."

Police believe Standish shootings may be linked to Skelmersdale

Report by **Henry James**

POLICE believe two shootings in Standish near Wigan may have links to Skelmersdale.

A blue Kangoo van, which was stolen from Willow Hey in Skelmersdale, could have been involved in the first shooting at Bradley Lane, Standish which was reported on Thursday, April 14 at 7.45am.

Earlier, at about 1am on April 14 residents in Skelmersdale reported hearing shots fired on Willow Hey.

Officers believe this is linked to the two incidents in Standish.

On the morning of April 14, officers were called to an address on Bradley Lane, to reports of damage to a door believed to have been caused by a gunshot. Officers attended and discovered the damage was consistent with having been caused by a shotgun.

The second incident was reported at around 9.50am on Thursday, April 14, when officers attended an address on Preston Road, Standish. Again, officers found damage to a front door of the address that was consistent with being caused by a gunshot.

It is believed that these two incidents occurred between 10pm and midnight on Wednesday, April 13, when loud bangs were heard.

The blue Kangoo van which was seen driving away from Bradley Lane was later recovered on Moores Lane, Standish. The van was stolen from Willow Hey in Skelmersdale sometime after 3pm, on Wednesday, April 13.

Police are appealing for anyone with information about the shots fired or the stolen van to come forward.

Richard Bennett, 25,and Anthony Sumner, 31,of James Square, Standish have both been charged with unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle, possession of a firearm, possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life, and two counts of criminal damage.

They were remanded into custody and were appearing at Wigan Magistrates Court as the Champion went to press yesterday (Tuesday).

Detective Inspector Martin Reddington of Wigan division said: "I understand residents in Standish and Skelmersdale will be concerned after hearing shots fired and we are doing everything we can to establish what happened and who was involved.

"We do have officers in the areas and I would urge anyone with concerns to come and speak to us.

"If you were in any of the areas at the time of the incidents and saw any suspicious activity we would be interested to speak to you."

Anyone with any information relating to these incidents should contact police on 0161 856 7124, 101, or alternatively, the independent charity Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

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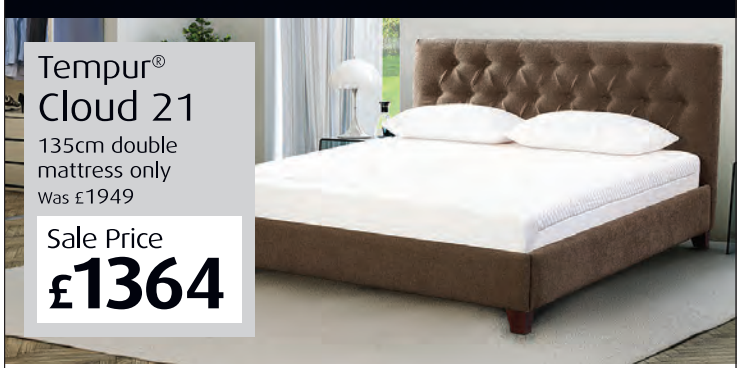

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Volunteers are also placed in a suitable two-week work environment enabling them to gain valuable work experience and an appropriate reference. And they gain a qualification at the conclusion, along with other certificates.

The free course is appropriate for a range of people and additional support is offered to those who need it. Taking part in the programme will not affect Jobseekers' benefits.

The team will be based at Ormskirk College on Hants Lane.

Anyone interested in taking part can contact assistant team leader Ashley Burns on 01695 52414, email ashley.burns@westlancs.ac.uk.

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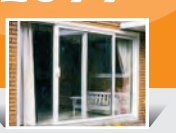

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Tong on song for Magnetic North gig

Report by **Henry James**

A FORMER member of an award-winning rock band who lived in Skelmersdale as a teenager is coming 'home' to play a gig in the town with his new band.

Simon Tong, former guitarist and keyboard player with The Verve, will play the E Rooms in Westgate on Friday, May 6 as a member of the The Magnetic North.

It follows the release last month of their album, Prospect of Skelmersdale.

Described by the group - which also features Hannah Peel and Erland Cooper - as a "collection of musical snapshots of a uniquely British town", the album includes tracks entitled Pennylands, Sandy Lane and Northway/Southway.

The 43-year-old Tong, who was a member of The Verve from 1996 to 1999 Tong, had moved to Skelmersdale from Bolton in 1984.

Formerly known as The Engine Rooms, the E Rooms was relaunched earlier this year as a new community interest company.

Simon Tong (left) with fellow band members Hannah Peel and Erland Cooper will perform in Skelmersdale

And the venue will host another 'special guest' prior to Simon Tong's return when the TV's X Factor will film a showcase night there on Monday, April 25 as part of a regional tour.

They will be looking for up to 30 of Skelmersdale's best vocalists, with ages ranging from 16 upwards to take part in the event which starts at 7.30pm.

Anyone interested in taking part can email a recording of themselves singing to dave@erooms.org.uk, along with their name, age and contact number.

A spokesman for the E Rooms said: "Don't worry about the quality of the recording – as long as we can get an idea of what your voice is like, that is fine."

Places available for the showcase are strictly limited and the deadline for entries is Saturday, April 23.

Quick thinking officer traces uninsured motorist

A SKELMERSDALE man who tried to pull the wool over a police officer's eyes concerning his identity was caught out with some smart police work.

Jason Marlowe, 26, of Windrows, was stopped by PC Whittle on the afternoon of January 21 when he gave his name as Craig Denton. When the officer then told him that the car was registered to Robert Hale, and that the name of Craig Denton was not listed on the insurance, he claimed to be the son of Mr Hale and that he was shocked he wasn't insured.

Philippa White, prosecuting at Ormskirk Magistrates Court on April 12, said that the car was seized but the officer didn't suspect at the time that he had given false details. However, when he later went to check on the owner of the car he discovered that it wasn't Mr Denton who had been driving it.

Mr Hale informed the officer that the man had test-driven the car and had given him the vehicle seizure notice when he wasn't able to return it, Ms White said. The officer was then able to trace Marlowe through DNA left in the fingerprints on the notice.

During a police interview, Marlowe said that he was a friend of Hale's son and had been test-driving the car with a view to buying it. He panicked when stopped by the officer as he had no licence or insurance.

Solicitor Mike Flynn said that Marlowe was lucky not to be charged with perverting the course of justice.

For obstructing a police officer and driving without a licence or insurance, the magistrates imposed six points on his licence and fined him a total of £225. He was also ordered to pay £105 in costs and victim surcharge.

Knockout cheque for boxing club

OFFICIALS and members of a local sporting club are celebrating a knockout success after becoming the latest winner of a monthly community campaign run by a Skelmersdale supermarket.

Representatives from the Birch Green Amateur Boxing Club were presented with a cheque for £200 as part of Asda's 'Chosen By You, Given by Us' initiative.

The scheme offers local charities the opportunity to be nominated by the public to receive a donation.

Asda Skelmersdale Community Life Champion, Sharon Roberts presents the cheque for £200

Youngsters are riding crest of a wave after rowing course success

Skelmersdale youngsters enjoying their time at Coniston

YOUNGSTERS from Skelmersdale have passed a canoeing test at Coniston in the Lake District as part of a project set up by Skelmersdale Action for Youth (SAY).

In all 16 young people accompanied by two adults (a member from SAY and a local special police officer from Skelmersdale) completed the course, with the participants gaining their one star qualifications.

The recent session in the Lake District lasted three hours and the young people canoed in open water and the youngsters and staff were challenged to face forward and backward paddling and back and forward stopping.

The canoeing training sessions have been held at Nye Bevan pool in Skelmersdale and provided positive activities to get young people off the street.

Alan Lewis from SAY said: "SAY's approach to working with youngsters is to continually look at different routes of engagement with young people.

"During the course, the young people have learnt new skills such as: leadership, problem solving, and the importance of communication. It also helped break down barriers between young people and the police.

"The sessions also gave adventure and wellbeing and provided fun to the young people who had not been to the Lake District before."

Skelmersdale Action for Youth (SAY) work in close partnership with Lancashire Constabulary to engage with the youth across Skelmersdale and West Lancashire.

They also receive funding from: the Lancashire Police Crime Commissioner, the John Laing Trust, Comic Relief, the Young People's Service and the Outdoor Network.

For more information on the youth group SAY email alan.say@hotmail.co.uk.

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WEST Lancashire is joining communities across the country in lighting a beacon to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday at Beacon Country Park, and residents are invited to go along and join the celebrations.

The borough council is organising an event on Thursday, April 21, which will feature a short procession with local dignitaries including the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire. Members of the Royal Air Force Association and Skelmersdale Ex-Services Association will also take part, as well as local scouts, guides, air cadets, and other uniformed groups.

This will start from the Beacon Park Visitor Centre at 8.15pm and end at the visitor centre beacon (not the Ashurst Beacon).

Here there will be a short ceremony, with music from Skelmersdale Prize Band.

Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Nikki Hennessy, will read out a message from Prince Charles before lighting the beacon at 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome to go along and enjoy this historic event.

The beacon will be one of hundreds lit across the United Kingdom, Isle of Man, the Channel Islands and UK overseas territories to mark the Queen's special birthday.

Her Majesty herself will light the principal beacon at Windsor.

Members of the Army Cadet Force will be taking beacons to the top of the four highest peaks in the UK - Ben Nevis in Scotland, Mount Snowdon in Wales, Scafell Pike in England and Slieve Donard in Northern Ireland.

Kim Webber, chief executive of West Lancs Council, said: "We are delighted to organise this event to mark this very special occasion, and the people of West Lancashire are very welcome to come and join the celebrations."

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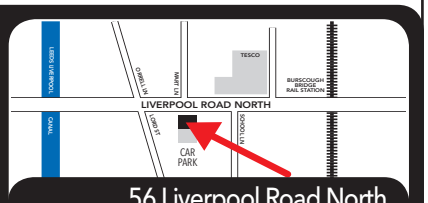

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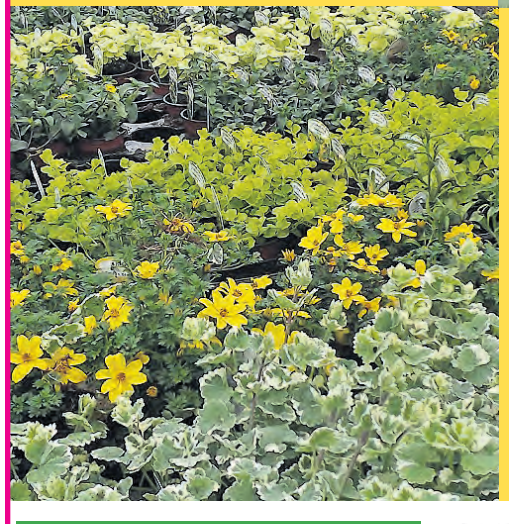

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Grant aid for bid to tackle loneliness

A SKELMERSDALE-based social enterprise that trades with the aim of improving the health and wellbeing of the communities they work with has been awarded a grant as part of the Big Lottery Fund Awards for All scheme.

The Sewing Rooms, based at Gladden House, West Gillibrands, will use the money to deliver a new community sewing project, the Patchwork Buddies programme to help tackle the growing problem of loneliness among an ageing population.

With the link between loneliness and ill-health well established, it's more important than ever that all aspects of wellbeing, including and especially mental health, are considered for members of the community over the age of 50.

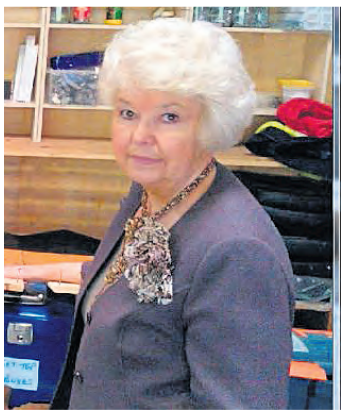
Key risk factors for loneliness include being on a low income, in poor physical or mental health, and living alone or in isolated rural areas or deprived urban communities.

The Sewing Rooms' Patchwork Buddies programme aims to directly address this risk.

Director, Maureen Fazal, said: "Patchwork Buddies is a free, 10-week course for women over the age of 55 who are at risk of isolation. The course brings the women together to create new communities of talent, friendship, resilience, connections and wellbeing.

"Using high-quality donated fabric, each Patchwork Buddies session covers different sewing skills and works on the creation of large, communal craft pieces such as throws and wall-hangings.

"The combination of training and personal development opportunities help address known barriers to well-being, including low levels of confidence, poor literacy levels, mental and physical health problems, lack of work experience and criminal records."



Maureen Fazal

The Sewing Rooms already works closely with probation and mental health services to fill an identified need for creative community training services. Patchwork Buddies further extends that expertise with a focus on older women.

All Sewing Rooms programmes provides participants with skills, information and confidence to pursue further training and employment opportunities, including self-employment.

Courses are running throughout 2016 with start dates of May 9, September 5 and November 7. For further details email Paula on paula@the-sewing-rooms.co.uk or call 07501 726 586.

Leanne follows star's lead with charity crop

A BIG-hearted youngster from Skelmersdale has followed in the footsteps of one of her pop idols by having her hair cut for charity.

Ever since watching Jessie J have her head shaved live on TV as part of Comic Relief in 2013 to donate her famous black locks to the Little Princess Trust, Leanne Rawsthorne** (right) **had longed to follow suit.

Now the Year 4 pupil at Crow Orchard Primary School has achieved her ambition by having her own flowing locks cropped and donated to the charity which provides real-hair wigs, free of charge to boys and girls across the UK and Ireland who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment.

She also raised £132 for the charity by inviting family and friends to sponsor her.

Proud mum, Amanda, told the Champion: "Leanne was really excited to donate her hair. She sent her hair at 31cms and had it cut and blow-dried at Urban Hair salon in Skelmersdale.

"She felt proud to be helping other less fortunate youngsters."

And Leanne's teacher, Miss Baron, added: "Leanne is a model pupil. We are all very proud of what she has done for charity!"

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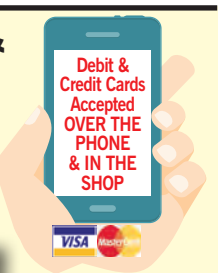

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Charity in suicide prevention bid

The Birchwood Centre Charity is running Safe to Talk training sessions

A CHARITY based in Skelmersdale is working towards delivering state of the art Safe to Talk training sessions to help prevent suicide.

The mortality rate from suicide in Lancashire is significantly higher than in any other area in England.

The sessions at the Birchwood centre are aimed at giving practical help in reducing and preventing instances of suicide and connecting those affected to those specially trained in suicide intervention. The Birchwood centre exists to provide supported accommodation for young, single homeless people aged between 16 – 25 years of age.

Stella Connell, chief executive of Birchwood explained: "We recognise that this is a sensitive and complicated issue.

"By providing these courses we hope to be able to support those at risk of taking their own lives by giving the local community the tools to provide practical help to persons with thoughts of suicide.

Safe to Talk prepares them to engage with troubled individuals who are contemplating suicide by following the TALK (Tell, Ask, Listen and Keep Safe) steps.

"We feel that the provision of these courses in the West Lancashire area will help those in distress and will help to reduce the instances of suicide in our local communities and the trauma these events inevitably bring to all involved."

A former Birchwood service user, who has experienced the pain of struggling with suicidal thoughts said, "just being able to talk openly and safely about how I was feeling, without being judged, literally helped save my life."

To make sure this is widely available to the community the first courses will be delivered on Thursday, May 5 in Skelmersdale.

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Council workers must be running out of white road paint!

COUNCIL workmen have been busy filling in potholes and making better the terrible state of our roads in West Lancashire.

The way the roads have been patch repaired, I think most people would agree, is far from ideal when really the whole surface should be relaid, such is the condition the roads are in.

However, what is particularly baffling is what happens after the roads are repaired.

Along come the line painters but instead of repainting all the white lines in the middle of the road, they only paint small sections of the highway - usually just the bends.

Is there a shortage of white paint in Lancashire?

If not, then why can't the council be bothered putting white lines all the way along the roads.

It's driving us round the bend!

Confused, Appley Bridge,
by email

Schools should help tackle litter

I HAVE seen the story about the awful litter that ruins the Tawd in Skelmersdale.

I myself walk my dog and like others take responsibility to clean up after him.

The problem with this litter seems to get worse as you get closer to the two schools at the other end, and surely some responsibility has to fall with them. Plastic bottles, sandwiches, containers, crisp packets the list goes on.

There seems little or no attempt to tackle this area which is nothing short of disgusting.

Get these schools on board to come up with a solution, even if this includes a fine on the parents of the children who can't be bothered to dispose of their litter in a responsible way.

M. Lloyd, by email

A cycle path for the town is the last thing we need!

WHEN a Labour Party leaflet arrived a couple of weeks ago, I read with dismay about the proposals for a cycle path through Skelmersdale.

The self congratulatory manner of the Labour Party left me with a bad taste in my mouth. Somehow West Lancs council could not find the capital to repair the Sports Centre, a facility that was used by many of the citizens from the town.

Yet they find £200,000 plus another £272,000 from Lancashire County Council to fund a minority activity (cycling). Quite frankly the news is nothing to celebrate. A cycle path is the last thing Skelmersdale needs.

There are a multitude of pathways and subways plus plenty of space on the road system to satisfy the demands for cycling and walking.

In areas of West Lancs the road system is crumbling and in desperate need of repair. What percentage of the population of the town own a bicycle? A small number in single digit figures I would guess.

As vehicle drivers we pay road tax, what do cyclists pay? That money could have been used to fix the Sorts Centre, so why this obsession with cyclists.

Funding has been stopped to local bus services causing the cancellation of bus routes, yet they find nigh on half a million to build this path.

A complete waste of money and time, certainly nothing to be celebrated.

Stefan McDermott, by email

PICTURE of the week

A fleece of the agricultural variety provides a cosy frost free blanket for newly planted crops in Lathom. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Parking permit increase 'baffling'

I HAVE just received a letter from Lancashire County Council regarding residents parking schemes in West Lancashire.

I note that the changes came into effect from April 9, 2016. The cost of the annual residents' remit stays the same at £25, but the cost of the annual visitors' permit has risen from £10 to £25. That is an increase of 150%. It baffles me that LCC can justify such an increase.

With a cost of a lot of things going up, this seems to be such an increase that it could encourage people from not buying a permit.

Especially if, like myself, they are a pensioner.

Norman Banks,
Ormskirk

Stumped by workmen

SHRUB in Wolverton, Skelmersdale were sawn to the stump last year, now 12 months on and the same council gang has arrived and sawn off all the twigs, which have been growing!

Once again, there is nowhere for the birds to nest and nothing for the residents to look at.

Why don't the council just remove the shrub stumps and save the taxpayers the expense of employing these 'vandals.'

Ron Webster, Wolverton

Rubbish collection highlighted shortage of bins around station

WE, and volunteers, recently conducted a litter pick along the path that leads from Ormskirk bus station to the train station collecting a large amount of rubbish.

Although the litter pick serves as a short term solution to the growing problem, it highlights the lack of bins provided which leads to people littering.

It is important that this area is kept free of litter as this can often be people's first impressions of Ormskirk when they get off the train or bus.

The way to solve this is for Network Rail and the Borough Council to work together to install bins along this path which are regularly emptied.

We have contacted Network Rail numerous times already about this issue and it is time they solved this ongoing issue and improved the appearance of the area.

We are calling for the installation of bins and a regular cleaning schedule for the path between the train station and bus station to combat the growing issue of litter.

Thomas Burton & Edward McCarthy, Ormskirk, by email

Blazing a trail!

Mountain-bikers continue to enjoy the benefits of the great outdoors at the Bickerstaffe Cycle Trails in Jubilee Colliery Wood at Bickerstaffe, despite all the rain we've had.

But sadly for scramblers, motorcycles are not allowed on the trails. The site, which was a National Coal-Board Colliery, was closed in the late 1930s, and had become largely disused : that is until a joint project between Bickerstaffe Parish Council and Lancashire County Council transformed the derelict spoil heaps into a picturesque community facility for mountain-bikers and local walkers alike.

The trails were designed for push- bikes – not motorbikes! Originally created as "something to do" for young people in the area, with its red runs, black runs and footpaths, the trails are proving popular with a cross-section of ages from the local and wider community, and have already achieved a reputation as being on par with other top cycle trails in the Lake District and Wales.

Rain, hail or shine, a small group of dedicated mountain-bikers manage the trails, and as well as keeping fit and perfecting their sport they also give up their free time clearing litter from the trails, and keeping them in good working order. To find out more, there are some great action shots and videos on the Facebook page at "Bickerstaffe Cycle Trails", as well as a map and directions which show the approved access routes; or go to Bickerstaffe Parish Council's website at www.bickerstaffeparish-council.org.uk

If you do visit, please check and use the correct access routes to get to the trails, and keep safe when there by checking the colour-coded markers of designated track, and whether you are on two feet or two wheels, please remember, (and no disrespect to scramblers), no motorcycles!

Jackie Smith,
Bickerstaffe Parish Clerk

Ward closure will add to queues

ALMOST every day this year ambulances have been queuing at Southport Hospital's A&E. There have also been patients on trolleys in the corridor with corridor nurses.

This was not just winter pressure as this year has been very mild, but it's become the norm.

So why is Southport and Ormskirk Hospital Trust closing the fabulous Bluebell Lodge (Ward A) at Ormskirk Hospital?

If or when they do, then there will be more queuing for ill and injured people and also ambulances. How sad.

Name and address supplied, by email

Battle lines drawn for local elections

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

ALL the candidates standing for election to West Lancashire Council in the local elections on Thursday, May 5 have been announced.

Residents across the borough will go to the polls on Thursday, May 5 with a third of the authority's 54 seats, one in each of the 18 wards, up for grabs.

Running alongside the local council electons there will also be a poll to decided the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.

Labour currently holds 30 of the 54 seats, with the Conservatives having 23 and the independent Our West Lancashire group one.

The polls will be open from 7am and close at 10pm.

Candidates in each ward are as follows:

Ashurst

William Gilmour (*Green Party*)
David Jonathan Griffiths (*Conservative*)
Gail Pamela Hodson (*Labour*)

Aughton & Downholland

Samuel Currie (*Con*)
Tom Phillips (*Labour*)

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William John Weingart (*Con*)

Burscough East

Rob Bailey (*Con*)
David Evans (*Lab*)

Burscough West

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Derby

Liam Blacklock (*Lab*)
Tom Burton (*Con*)
Heather Doyle (*Green*)
Adrian Edward Owens (*Our West Lancashire*)

Digmoor

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Kevin William Henry Wilkie (*Lab*)

Halsall

Maureen Kathleen Patricia Mills (*Lab*)
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John Stewart Simpson Stewart (*UKIP*)

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Moorside

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Scott

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Skelmersdale North

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Susan Ingrid Janvier (*Con*)

Skelmersdale South

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Jenni Mayer (*Con*)
Donna Marie Eileen West (*Lab*)

Tarleton

John Philip Cairns (*Con*)
Frederick Andrew Hodson (Lab)

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Scout chief Becca aims to give youth a chance to shape movement's future

AN Edge Hill University student who became the District Youth Commissioner for the Scouts in West Lancashire earlier this year has created a team of young leaders to represent the different groups and give feedback at district meetings.

Becca Webster, 20, who is studying geography at the Ormskirk university, has been involved in scouting for the last six years, starting as a Young Leader and going on to become an Explorer Scout Leader.

In her role as District Youth Commissioner, she aims to use youth forums, feedback and the development of Young Leaders to help young people shape their scouting experience as part of the organisation's Youth-Shaped Scouting national initiative which aims to make young people feel valued and listened to.

She has enlisted Tom Carver and Madeline Hilton Flynn to be young leaders for the Beavers; Henry Knowles, Ben Stanley and Joe Clegg for the Cubs; Harrision Moss and Rhian Riding for the Scouts; and Izzy Howarth and George Egerton to be young leaders for the Explorers.

She said: "It's been fantastic to see how excited young people are about youth-shaped scouting. By simply offering young people choices and allowing them to share their ideas, we can help them to feel empowered.

"Across all the sections young people have been enthusiastic and keen to start shaping their own Scouting experience; from choosing which badges to do, giving feedback after events and helping to choose their next international adventure.

"It's also been great to see how many young leaders we have that are making a meaningful contribution to their sections.

"To make sure that as many decisions within Ormskirk District Scouts are youth-shaped I have appointed a team of young leaders who will represent the young people in their section at district meetings and events."

Becca Webster

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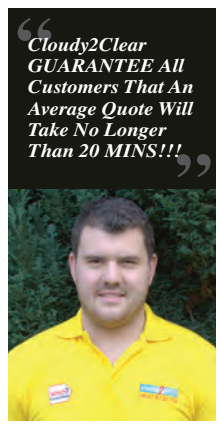

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Rail plans on right track but we're still Manchester's poor relations

I HAVE just been reading a special supplement entitled 'Rail in the North' which sets out proposals for a 21st Century rail system for the North of England, and very interesting and encouraging reading it makes.

But - and there seems always to be a but in any recent plans for the north – though I haven't been through this fairly large supplement with a fine tooth comb, the words Liverpool and Merseyside seem relatively few and far between, while for cities this side of the Pennines, Manchester seems, as usual, the centre of all things.

We haven't altogether been overlooked. The one big thing, long overdue, is a service from Lime Street to Glasgow, only three times a day (though this could apparently increase over time) and, at some point in the future, a service to Edinburgh. This though is an extension of the present Liverpool-Newcastle service and you don't need to consult an atlas to realise that this could hardly be termed direct.

There is also good news in the proposed re-opening of the Halton curve near Runcorn to passenger trains (though Liverpool is only mentioned in passing) which will mean the possibility of through trains to North Wales.

Oh, and our new Merseyrail station at Maghull North is mentioned in a table of good things to come.

New and better trains are also promised, and not before time, given the massive investment already in new stock for the South East (and London in particular) with us having for the moment to be content with facelifted, second-hand stock from thence.

While these are indeed positive improvements, it should not be forgotten that until fairly recently you could get through trains from Liverpool to Bournemouth and Oxford (I know because I have used the latter on several occasions) and, when I was a boy there were regular expresses as a matter of course.

Incidentally, I remember travelling with my parents from the old Liverpool Central station direct to Grimsby (on a train bound for Cleethorpes). And I know that isn't possible now as I had to go to Grimsby to attend a funeral and had to change at Leeds.

I wonder, too, how many folk remember the diesel unit which made the journey from Southport to Liverpool Lime Street using the now freight-only line between Bootle and Edge Hill, connecting with the night train to London? Neither service now exists.

Please don't get me wrong. There are positive improvements which will benefit most people in the Champion's circulation area, for which we should be grateful. At last, as well, we are finally promised the final demise of the horrible Pacer four-wheeled 'Nodding Donkeys'.

It is just that I am proud to come from a Lancashire/Merseyside background and it seems to me that this area always seems to lose out in any kind of promised improvements to anything, at least compared with Manchester.

If I were a Merseyside councillor (or MP) I would regularly be making noises about the relative paucity of our rail links. Perhaps they do, but if so it is quietly enough for me to have missed most of them.

And I note too, on a more local level, that while we are getting Maghull's second station, the Burscough Curves (which would enable trains to run from Southport to Preston and Ormskirk) and the still extant, but disused, line from Aintree to Bootle are conspicuous for their absence even as a possible hope for a far distant future.

I honestly believe that if projects such as those existed in or around the capital, they would by now have been executed.

Changing the subject slightly, but sticking with the railway, I noticed in a totally separate article the result of a customer satisfaction survey which makes pretty dismal reading for most train operators. Merseyrail came third out of 21, and considering the top two (Grand Central and Hull Trains) both operate inter-city trains isn't bad at all.

What puzzled me a bit though was just how were the questionnaires on which this survey was based distributed?

Merseyrail scored four stars for punctuality, the only one to get five was Grand Central. Just who would complain about Merseyrail's puncuality? Even I, in full Victor Meldrew mode, couldn't really complain about that at all. Nitpicking's what I call it.

CCG still seek views on care providers

Report by **Henry James**

THE NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is asking for views about its ongoing re-procurement of local community health services, which includes some urgent care services.

This re-procurement aims to improve the services for the local communities of West Lancashire through a vision known as Building For The Future.

The process is standard practice for healthcare commissioners when a contract comes to an end, and follows national statutory guidance and procurement law.

Claire Heneghan, chief nurse and board member at NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), said: "Throughout this process, the CCG has involved its core stakeholders and invited views from the public and others in a number of ways.

"We still continue to invite views and experiences from those who are using the services and similarly, we welcome anyone with questions about the process itself to get in touch with us directly."

People can get in touch with the CCG by ringing 01695 588 000 or by email ar myview@westlancashireccg.nhs.uk.

Dr John Caine, local GP and board member of NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), commented: "When a contract for a NHS service comes to an end, as commissioners we have a duty to review those services to ensure they will meet the changing needs of the population in the future in line with our five-year strategies for improvement.

"This re-procurement process is being undertaken in discharge of our statutory obligations".

The CCG is currently talking to four potential providers following a "stringent" evaluation process. The organisations having further discussion with the CCG about community health services are Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, Optum Health Solutions (UK) Ltd., Virgin Care Services and Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

The organisations involved in further discussion about urgent care services are Optum Health Solutions (UK) Ltd. and Virgin Care Services.

Each of the named organisations will be invited to submit a final proposal and following careful evaluation from the commissioners, those chosen will be named in September 2016.

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by Henry James

WEST Lancashire College student Jack Baybutt has been voted Intermediate Apprentice of the Year.

Jack is employed as an apprentice legal cashier at The Cashroom Ltd. in White Moss Business Park, Skelmersdale, which provides outsourced cashiering services to law firms throughout the UK.

More than 70 people from a variety of organisations attended the awards which were organised by West Lancashire Borough Council and voted for by a panel of professionals.

Jack was the overall winner for Intermediate Apprentice of the year, while his employers, The Cashroom Ltd., were highly commended as an apprenticeship employer.

A former pupil at Stanley High School, Southport, Jack said: "I am really proud to have achieved this award. It was a surprise to be nominated and an even bigger surprise to win.

"I have a fantastic working relationship with all my colleagues at The Cashroom Ltd and I am receiving excellent training. I also receive support and encouragement from my West Lancashire College assessor who ensures I am on track to achieve my apprenticeship.

Jack Baybutt is pictured (centre) with his Apprentice of the Year award

"It is nice to be recognised. I would definitely recommend studying for an apprenticeship qualification as the career opportunities and prospects are vast."

Alex Holt, business development director at The Cashroom Ltd., commented: "During his apprenticeship Jack has shown infectious enthusiasm and drive to the business.

"He has displayed a real aptitude for the technical elements of the role which is essential for any young person undertaking an apprenticeship."

Will, from the West Lancashire College apprenticeship team, added: "Jack has come on leaps and bounds since commencing his apprenticeship in October 2015. He has embraced the expertise required and adapted his skills to meet the employers requirements.

"It is a great accolade to have achieved at such a young age and will make his CV stand out from the rest.

"I look forward to helping Jack progress onto his advanced apprenticeship."

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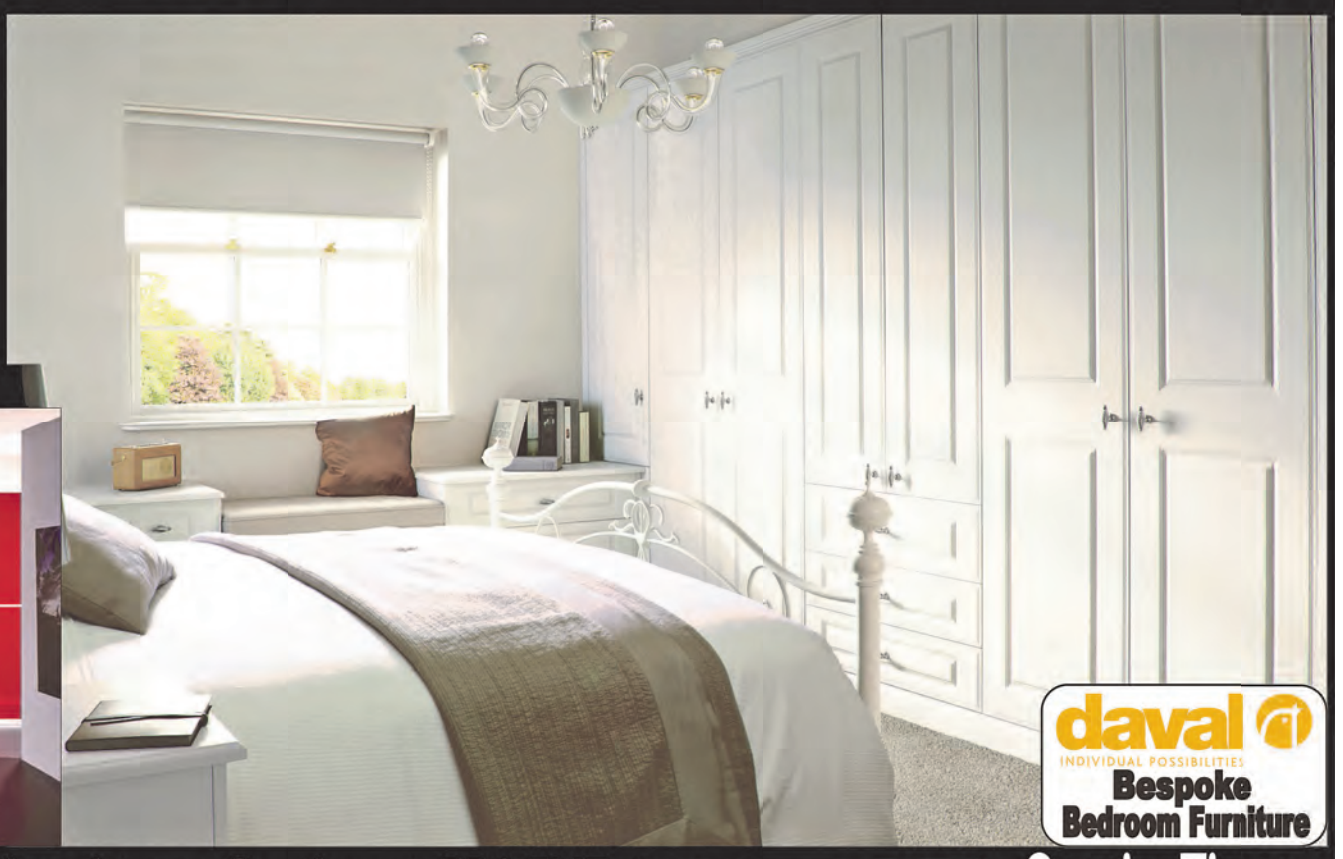

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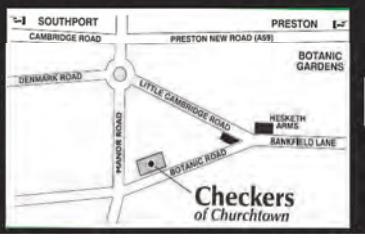

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The series, written in partnership with acclaimed children's author Joanna Nadin, and illustrated by Clare Elsom, is aimed at five to eight-year-old and focuses on Fergus; an ordinary boy aspiring to be a top cyclist with the help of his imagination and his dad's extraordinary bike.

Sir Chris Hoy said he hopes the books will encourage children to have fun cycling and inspire them to read more.

"Since retiring from professional cycling, I've been eager to devote my time, knowledge and experience to encourage and develop the next generation of cyclists.

"By writing Flying Fergus I wanted to combine the imagination of reading with the adventure of cycling to open children's eyes to the freedom and excitement two wheels can offer with just a little hard work and dedication," he said.

John Cater, Vice-Chancellor of Edge Hill University said: "It was an honour to welcome Sir Chris Hoy to promote Flying Fergus to the children and parents of Lancashire. We wish Sir Chris every success in inspiring the hearts and minds of Britain's future cycling and Olympic champions."

Sir Chris Hoy with pupils Casey and Anton

Sir Chris Hoy is the most decorated Olympic cyclist of all time, with a total of seven Olympic medals: six gold and one silver, as well as 11 World and two Commonwealth titles. At the 2008 Olympics, Hoy became Scotland's most successful Olympian and the first British athlete to win three gold medals in a single Olympic Games since 1908.

Piccadilly Press have published the first two books in the series; *The Best Birthday Bike* and *The Great Cycle Challenge*, with further books publishing later in the year, including a non-fiction guide to cycling in October.

Sir Chris will continue writing the stories alongside Joanna Nadin, an award-winning author for children and teenagers, best known for her Rachel Riley series of books. She has been shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize with Penny Dreadful is a Magnet for Disaster and has been nominated for the "Queen of Teen" award three times.

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"I can only achieve this through the help and support of the business sector, working closely with the voluntary and public sector."

The role is carried out on a voluntary basis. The High Sheriff does not receive any salary or expenses and funds the role personally. The office is held for a year.

Although many of the powers of the High Sheriff have been reduced over the years, the holder still performs many important functions in the county.

During his time as High Sheriff, John aims to continue the work initiated by his predecessor, Amanda Parker JP, who introduced social media into the role, informing people about her work through Twitter @HSLancs, as well as launching a website, www.highsheriffoflancashire.co.uk.

At the installation ceremony, the Queen's Commission was read by David Cam, the Under Sheriff, in the presence of three commissioners, the Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire and other dignitaries.

Pictured at the installation are Mark Hudson, chairman of the council of the Duchy of Lancaster, Judge Stuart Baker, deputy to Honorary Recorder of Preston, Timothy Duke, and the new High Sheriff, John Barnett and his wife, Danielle

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Top marks for county's schools

NINE out of ten schools in Lancashire have been adjudged as good or outstanding, according to the latest Ofsted ratings.

Based on the ratings, the county, which has more schools than any other local authority, is in the top quarter in the country for their performance.

Recent figures showed that 24% of Lancashire schools were outstanding, and 66% were good. This compared to 20% and 65% respectively for England as a whole.

At the other end of the scale Lancashire's figure for 'requires improvement' is 4%, lower than the rest of the country at 9%; while just 1% are judged 'inadequate', the same as the national average.

Lancashire County Council's head of school improvement, Jonathan Hewitt, said: "It's very satisfying indeed to see that the latest statistics from the DfE back up what we already know – that the quality of schools in Lancashire compares very well with the rest of the country.

COMMITMENT

"To have 4% more 'outstanding' schools than the England average is not easy, as outstanding ratings are very difficult to achieve.

"I'm genuinely proud of our schools here in Lancashire. These figures clearly demonstrate the high quality of headteachers, their staff and governors, and the commitment of pupils and families.

"Together, we are working hard to fulfil our ambition that all our pupils attend a school which is rated as good or better, and we have an excellent track record in helping schools achieve this.

"The vast majority of schools choose to receive their support and advisory services from the county council and I think this continued success is a tribute to the strong partnership we have with Lancashire schools. We are also pleased to see that many schools from outside Lancashire are also choosing to buy in our school improvement services."

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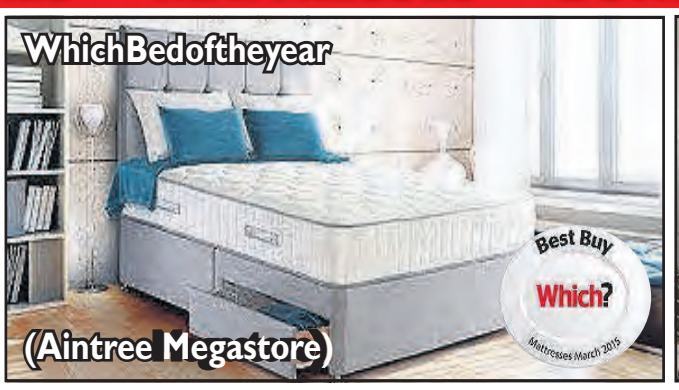

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Chance for borough's creative talents to 'Rock the House'

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Judged by the leading lights of industry, with prizes ranging from festival slots, studio time and top-notch equipment, the Rock the House and Film the House competitions are an opportunity to showcase what West Lancashire has to offer.

Dates for the 2016 competitions are as follows:

Sunday, May 1: Over-19s closing date for entries to MPs.

Tuesday, May 31: Closing date for MPs to announce nominations.

Monday, June 20: Final battle of the bands.

Monday, July 4: Awards ceremony.

For more information on how to apply for each competition go to www.rockthehouseuk.com or www.filmthehouse.com.

West Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper, said: "I welcome the return of Parliament's most-hotly-contested competitions and would urge all local musicians and film-makers to enter Rock the House and Film the House.

"This is an excellent opportunity for West Lancashire to celebrate our local talent and, as all nominations are judged by industry experts, there is no finer chance for our musicians and film-makers to gain exposure."

Alice Cooper pictured at the launch with former MP Mike Weatherley and Speaker of the House of Commons John Bercow.

One of the competitions' patrons, rock legend and actor, Alice Cooper, said: "Rock the House is a great project which celebrates the fantastic diversity of the British music scene and gives musicians a vehicle through which to hold their legislators accountable about protecting the music industry's intellectual property."

Theatre group casts net

ORMSKIRK Community Theatre are seeking performers to feature in their production of the John Godber play, Teechers, to be staged at the Toby Carvery (formerly The Five Ways) County Road in July.

Director Andy Hawkes said: "The play was originally written for a cast of three but we have adapted it for a cast of about 12 to 15 so there is room for more players. We are looking for a mixture of young and older performers - previous experience is not necessary, but hopefully a good time will be had by all."

Anyone interested in taking part in the production can contact Andy by email on andy0251@icloud.com.

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Nine out of 10 pupils in county awarded places at preferred primary school

ALMOST nine out of 10 pupils in Lancashire will be going to their preferred primary school this September, according to county council officials.

Figures for primary school admissions show that nearly 90% will get their first preference and nearly 8% will go to schools which were their second or third preference.

The remaining 2% have been allocated places at other schools. and the number of children receiving preferred places is likely to rise as appeals are heard and adjustments are made.

Debbie Ormerod, Lancashire's school admissions manager, said: "Careful planning means that nearly 98% of parents have been allocated a place at one of the schools they wanted with the majority getting a place at the school they wanted the most.

"Importantly, once again we've been able to offer every child in Lancashire a school place. School places are allocated fairly and objectively and every application is agreed upon using the criteria which has been agreed for that school.

"However, I know it can be very disappointing for parents if they are one of the few who don't get one of their preferences, and our local admissions teams will be happy to give information and advice."

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Early warning for golf fans planning to attend Open at Birkdale

LOCAL golf fans planning to attend the 146th Open Championship at Royal Birkdale next year have been given an early warning to beware of unofficial hospitality suppliers.

The event's governing body, the Royal & Ancient, is urging spectators to be cautious of unofficial suppliers offering hospitality packages claiming to be on the course, which in reality may be located several miles away from the venue.

Official hospitality packages incorporate fraud prevention measures including a ticket barcode on the hospitality pass, which is something unofficial suppliers cannot provide.

Spectators risk being denied entry to the course if they are using a ticket purchased on their behalf by an unofficial supplier.

Official ticket-inclusive hospitality packages can be purchased through The Open's hospitality programme at www.theopen.com/hospitality.

The Open has also partnered with a number of third-party suppliers to sell official hospitality packages on their behalf. Purchasing official hospitality helps to support golf development programmes in the UK and around the world.

Johnnie Cole-Hamilton, executive director of championships at The R&A, said: "We are committed to providing the best possible experience for everyone that attends The Open and we have learned in the past that some suppliers will look to exploit the excitement surrounding the championship by attempting to mislead our spectators."

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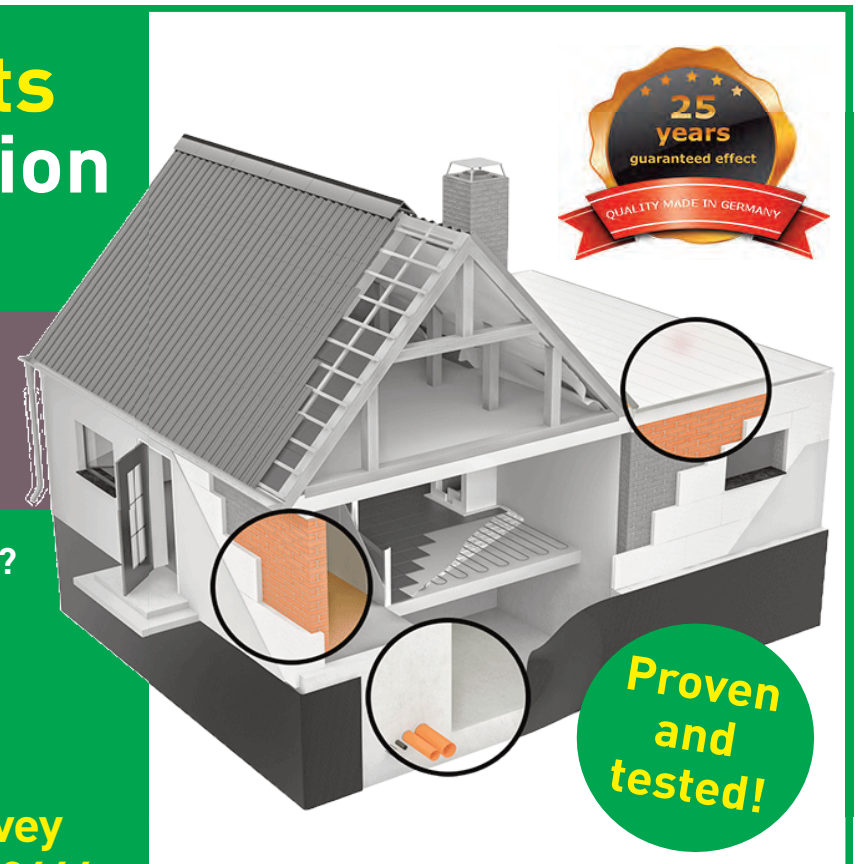

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Village's royal exhibition draws crowds

A VILLAGE church's three-day exhibition to mark the Queen's forthcoming 90th birthday attracted hundreds of visitors - and had special significance for local resident Gladys Barron.

The staunch royalist has lived in Tarleton all her life and for most of that time has also been a member of Tarleton Methodist Church which hosted the event.

She also celebrates her own 90th birthday on Friday (April 22) - the day after the Queen.

The exhibition, featuring pictures and artefacts depicting 90 Years of Tarleton village life, was opened by Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Nikki Hennessy, and also attended by South Ribble MP, Seema Kennedy.

Meanwhile Gladys said that she was pleased to have her birthday so close to the Queen's.

"I think our Queen has done a really good job and I'd like to wish Her Majesty a very happy birthday."

Margaret Tarpey (right) one of the exhibition organisers with Cllr. Nikki Hennessy and South Ribble MP Seema Kennedy

Whitney role is dream come true for X-Factor star

Danielle Thompson talks to singer/actress Alexandra Burke

THE Bodyguard the musical is coming to the North West as part of its sell-out UK tour with X-Factor winner Alexandra Burke in the part of Rachel Marron, made famous in the original 1992 Oscar-nominated film by Whitney Houston.

And it's a dream role for the three-time Brit-nominated singer who told the Champion she was a massive Whitney fan growing up.

Set to run at the Liverpool Empire from Tuesday, April 26 to Saturday, May 7, The Bodyguard tells the story of how former secret service agent turned bodyguard, Frank Farmer, and superstar Rachel Marron fall in love.

It features classic numbers including Queen of the Night, So Emotional, I Wanna Dance with Somebody and I Will Always Love You.

Alexandra told the Champion that although she was only four when the film was released she had been inspired growing up by Whitney Houston's performance.

And she is also looking forward to starring in the musical Sister Act after The Bodyguard.

Alexandra said: "I loved the film growing up. I was a massive fan of Whitney Houston and she inspired me to go into music.

"This is the first musical that I have done and the acting is the most exciting part for me as I studied acting growing up but had never had the chance to do it before.

"I hope that people see the musical the way that I do and love it as much as I do. I want people to see that I love what I am doing. I especially can't wait to perform I Have Nothing and I Will Always Love You.

Alexandra Burke stars in The Bodyguard

"After this I am doing Sister Act and I would love to get a bit more acting credit under my belt. I am completely open to all of the opportunities that I am given but I really want my main focus after that to be getting back into music.

"I was always inspired by Aretha Franklin, I'd love to work with her and working with Stevie Wonder is an absolute dream of mine. It would be a dream come true to work with the greats.

"I'd also love to work with a British female singer who is out there right now as it is not often that that happens – Emeli Sandé would be perfect, I have worked with her before and she was fantastic. We will have to see what happens!"

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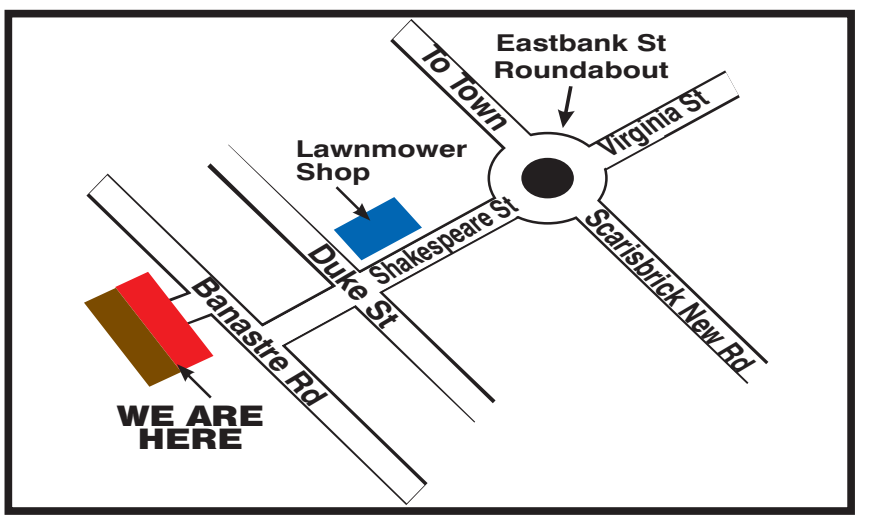

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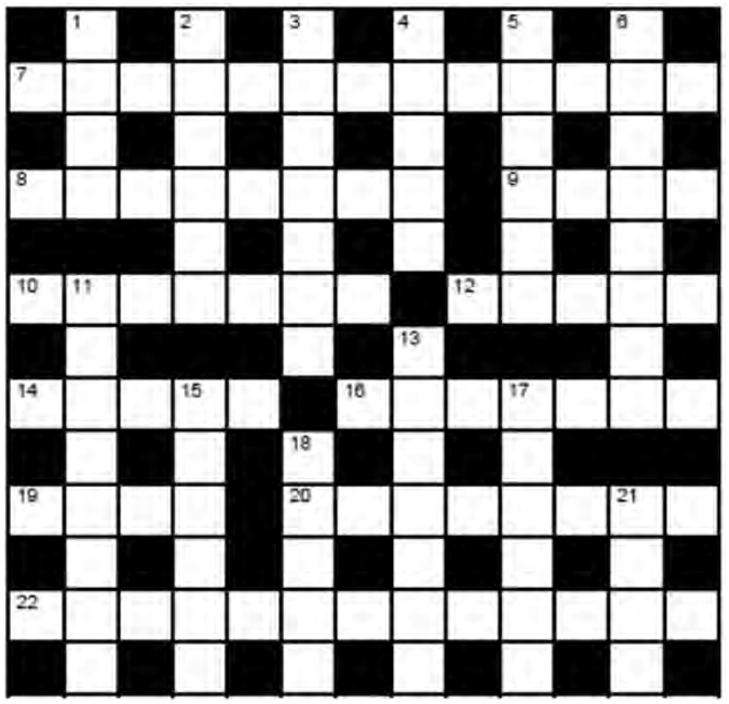

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7 Devout. 8 Annual. 9 Tern. 10 Ringworm. 11 Sackbut. 13 Pesto. 15 Doubt. 17 Steeple. 20 Aesthete. 21 Cant. 22 Client. 23 Lunate.

Down: 1 Peseta. 2 Join. 3 Yttrium. 4 Saint. 5 Anywhere. 6 Carrot. 12 Kibitzer. 14 Utterly. 16 Overly. 18 Length. 19 Delta. 21. Cent.

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7 A group or cluster of flowers arranged on a stem (13)
8 Partially shaded outer region of the shadow cast by an opaque object (8)
9 To perform a task again or differently (4)
10 Broad, heavy knife, often used as a weapon (7)
12 Cut with a wide sweeping movement (5)
14 Loose or lax (5)
16 Shop where medicinal drugs are dispensed and sold (7)
19 Wild party (4)
20 Dry biscuit or cracker formerly used as rations for sailors (8)
22 Term used to describe an over-complicated design or construction, taken from the name of an English cartoonist (5,8)

DOWN

1 Poker player's initial stake (4)
2 Lazy, drooping posture (6)
3 Expression of esteem (7)
4 Written composition (5)
5 Small seabird (6)
6 Abnormally reduced alkalinity of the blood (8)
11 Substance which causes an allergic reaction (8)
13 As a result of (7)
15 North American wild dog (6)
17 Rebellion (6)
18 County or breed of horse (5)
21 Lump of earth or clay (4)

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Force's newest equine recruit named after long-serving Steve!

Mounted branch tribute to chief's 40 years as a police officer

Report by **Henry James**

THE long-serving Chief Constable of Lancashire Constabulary has been recognised - by having the mounted branch's newest four-legged recruit named after him!

Horses in the mounted division are usually named after places in the county, but in a break with tradition, 'Finnigan' was unveiled at the force's Hutton headquarters this month.

The black shire gelding, measuring 17.3 hands high – about 5ft 11in – met his namesake, Chief Constable Steve Finnigan, at the police stables in Lindle Lane.

Staff at the mounted branch decided to name the horse after Mr Finnigan in recognition of his 11 years as Chief Constable.

In June he marks 40 years as a police officer and will retire from the service next year.

UNEXPECTED

Mr Finnigan said: "I was genuinely surprised and really touched when the mounted branch team said they wanted to name a horse after me.

"I was very taken by the warmth and affection that the branch officers have for their horses and I know Finnigan is in good hands.

"While it is an unexpected honour, I am very pleased to hear the name 'Finnigan' will continue to serve Lancashire Police for years to come."

Sgt. Christine Driver, of the mounted branch, said: "We usually name our horses after towns and villages in Lancashire but having been our Chief Constable for 11 years we thought it would be nice to remember Mr Finnigan with a suitable horse.

"Finnigan will be out on quiet patrols in the next few weeks. He is very impressive and will hopefully be working at football matches by the end of this year."

Lancashire Constabulary's long-serving Chief Constable Steve Finnigan with his equine namesake

Students' family fun day for charity

TOURISM and hospitality management students from West Lancashire College are hosting a free family charity fun day in aid of Twinkle House, the Skelmersdale-based charity which provides a sensory support service for children and young adults with disabilities.

Members of the local community are invited to go along and enjoy entertainment for all the family, while children will have the opportunity to take part in activities, including face painting, nail art, penalty shoot-out, photo booth, cake decorating and much more.

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One of the North's leading auction houses, Thomas Watson, and Southport Auctions, will be providing free antiques valuations to the people of Southport and surrounding area during the next few weeks.

On hand to give specialist advice will be local antiques expert and UCLAN lecturer Clive Taylor, who will be able to advise on all manner of contemporary or antique objects, including silver, ceramics, glass, pictures, sculpture or other collectables.

"So many people own objects that they are curious about and this free valuation event is an ideal way for them to find out more about them and their current price tags. We are particularly looking for antique Oriental ivory, Northern art, ceramics, silver, jewellery and collectables, all of which are currently performing well at auction"

"I am continually surprised by what can turn up and owners can be quite astonished by the value of items that they've been living with for years, especially if they have been passed down through the generations," he said.

The valuations are free with no obligation but anyone wishing to sell an item will be given the option to have it included in the Summer Antiques Sale at the Darlington saleroom of Thomas Watson on 21 June 2016.

"Our estimates are used as a guide price at auction," said Clive Taylor. "If the piece doesn't reach its desired price then it doesn't have to be sold so there is no risk to the seller. In fact, it is a really good incentive to have a clear-out of unwanted possessions and hopefully make some extra money at the same time," he added.

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Jodie Prenger in Tell Me On A Sunday

Prenger bringing one-woman show to theatre

AFTER a three-week run in Andrew Lloyd Webber and Don Black's Tell Me On A Sunday at the Watermill Theatre in Newbury, Jodie Prenger now takes the one-woman show on a 54-venue UK tour which will play at Southport Theatre this Saturday (April 23).

Jodie Prenger shot to musical theatre fame after being crowned the winner of TV's I'd Do Anything, winning the role of Nancy in Oliver!

She went on to enjoy success in a long list of box office and critical hits, from comedy One Man, Two Guv'nors to classic musical Calamity Jane.

She said: "The songs in the show are beautiful, little gems. Years and years ago I had a Best of the Musicals double cassette and it had Take That Look Off Your Face and Tell Me On A Sunday on it. I loved it and played it over and over.

But all the songs together create a journey that every woman has gone through at some point in her life. Tell Me On A Sunday is a song that really affects people – I can hear them sniffing!"

In Tell Me On A Sunday she plays Emma, a young woman who heads off to New York in search of life and love. Her story is told through song in a series of conversations with friends and letters to her Mum.

Jodie added: "It's so brilliantly written and we've gone through the lyrics with a fine toothcomb. They aren't just lyrics, it's a script set to music.

"She's got the guy who cheats on her, then the man whose pink mansion should have told her something, then the younger man (who I call Brad) that she pins her hopes on but it crumbles, and then the married man (who I call George)."

Bridge of Spies highlight of new film season at Parbold Picture House

VOLUNTEERS at Parbold Picture House have released details of their streaming of shows and films for the spring and summer season.

Bridge of Spies can be seen on Sunday, May 1 at 7pm. It is directed by Steven Spielberg and stars Tom Hanks and Mark Rylance. It is inspired by true events, a story of intrigue in the Cold War.

On Sunday, May 15 at 7pm Carol will be shown. It is adapted from The Price of Salt by Patricia Highsmith and is directed by Todd Haynes. The film stars Cate Blanchett and Mara Rooney. The film is about a socialite in a painful divorce who is drawn to another love.

There will be a front row screening on Thursday, May 19 at 7pm of the National Theatre Old Vic production of A View from The Bridge by Arthur Miller. It was the winner of a trio of Olivier Awards. This is the second chance to see the stunning 2014 production of Arthur Miller's tragic masterpiece, a dark and passionate tale confronting the American dream.

On Sunday, May 29 at 7pm The Lady in The Van will be shown. It is directed by Nicholas Hytner and stars Maggie Smith, and Alex Jennings as Alan Bennett. It is returning by popular demand and is based on the actual story of the woman who lived in a van in Alan Bennett's London driveway for 15 years.

Steve Jobs is being shown on Sunday, June 12 at 7pm. It is directed by Danny Boyle and stars Michael Fassbender as Steve Jobs, Kate Winslett, Jeff Daniels, and Seth Rogan. It is a backstage portrait of the visionary man who created Apple.

Room can be seen on Sunday, June 26 at 7pm. The film is directed by Lenny Abrahamson and stars Brie Larson and Jacob Tremblay. The film is based on the best-selling novel by Emma Donoghue. In the film a boy's mother creates a world for them in Room, but then decides to escape to a new world for them to discover 'outside'.

There is another chance to see The Audience starring Helen Mirren on Thursday, June 30 at 7pm. The 2013 West End production featuring Helen Mirren's multi-award-winning performance as Queen Elizabeth II – returns this June in celebration of the monarch's 90th birthday.

On Thursday, July 7 at 7pm people can see Kenneth Branagh Theatre Company's Romeo and Juliet.

There is a chance to see The Big Short on Sunday, July 10 at 7pm. It is directed by Adam McKay and stars Christian Bale, Steve Carell, Ryan Gosling, and Brad Pitt.

It is the true story of several 'contrarian' investors who, recognising the insanity of the 2008 housing bubble and subprime mortgage market, figured out how to short the market and make a killing from the financial collapse.

Volunteers at the Picture House have issued an advanced notice for the opera Turandot on Thursday, September 15 at 7pm and Kenneth Branagh's The Entertainer on Thursday, October 27 at 7pm.

Contact details: T: 01257 464533: E: parboldpicturehouse@gmail.com

Chance to catch The Mousetrap

AGATHA Christie's The Mousetrap will continue its record-breaking, and first ever UK tour into 2016.

The beloved murder mystery will be at the Liverpool Empire from April 21 to 23.

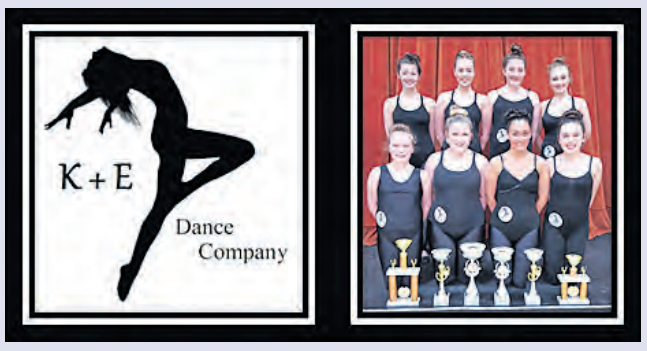
The cast for the 2016 tour includes: Anna Andresen (Mollie Ralston), Nick Barclay (Giles Ralston), Tony Boncza (Major Metcalf), Lewis Collier (Sgt Trotter), Gregory Cox (Mr Paravicini), Amy Downham (Miss Casewell) and Oliver Gully (Christopher Wren) who will join the previously announced Louise Jameson (Doctor Who, EastEnders, Doc Martin) as Mrs Boyle.

Louise Jameson is best known for her long-running roles as Leela, a companion of Tom Baker's Doctor in Doctor Who, Susan Young in Bergerac¸ Eleanor Glasson in Doc Martin, and Rosa di Marco in EastEnders.

The production, which originally opened at Nottingham Theatre Royal in 1952 starring the late Richard Attenborough and his wife Sheila Sim before embarking on its current record-breaking West End run, continues its journey across the breadth of the country.

The Mousetrap has been the world's longest running stage production at its London home since breaking the record in 1958.

Louise Jameson (Mrs Boyle) in the 60th anniversary of Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap. Pic by Liza Maria Dawson



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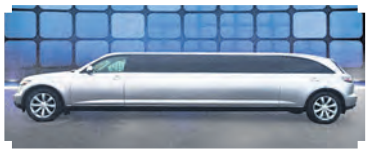

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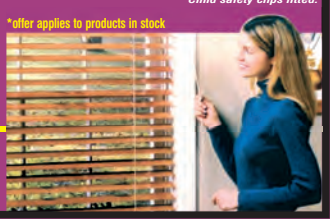

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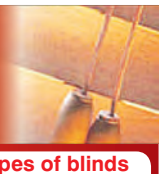

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(Make Request).

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Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published.

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DEATHS

ROWE HILARY

12th April 2016
Aged 82 years

Dearly loved Wife of Brian, loving Mum of Robert and Jeanette, Mother-in-law to Vicky and Doug, devoted Gran to Emily, James and Charlotte, Auntie to Janis and Brian. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 21st April at 10:00am. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for the National Autistic Society. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086

CRITCHLEY JOAN
Nee Ramsay

14th April 2016
Peacefully in hospital, aged 73 years of Skelmersdale

The dearly loved Mum of David, Julie and Joanne, devoted Nan to all her grandchildren and much loved Sister to Keith and David. Funeral service at Digmoor Methodist Church on Friday 22nd April 2016 at 1.30pm followed by cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough at 2.30pm. All enquiries to H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale. Tel 01695 722122/720012

HUYTON JAMES HENRY (JIM)

9th April 2016
Aged 84 years

Devoted Husband of the late Alice. Loving and caring Dad to Stephen, John, Chris and the late Angela. Father-in-law of Angela and Nadine, much loved Grandad to Kerry, Laura, Sarah, Katie, Josh, Alice and James. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St. Simon & St Jude with All Souls Parish Church on Friday 22nd April at 12:15pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Diabetes UK. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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ALBANESE KIM

Passed away on 13th April 2016 after a 5 year battle with cancer
Aged 47 years

Our beloved, Wife, Mum, Daughter, Sister, Auntie and Friend.

Kim fought right to the very end. The words are not there for our loss, but Kim is no longer suffering. Anyone who was lucky enough to have met Kim, would know what a beautiful, incredible, strong and amazing lady she really was. Kim was loved by so many people.

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Funeral service is to be held at 9am, Saturday 23rd April at St Andrews Church, 22 Danfield Lane Maghull, L31 6DD. Followed by a service at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough, Ormskirk, Lancashire L40 7SP.

Family and Friends are all welcome to join us at Mossock Hall Golf Club, Liverpool Road, Bickerstaffe, Lancashire, L39 0EE.

The family welcome donations in Kim's memory and have requested that these be split between Queenscourt Hospice where Kim spent a short time, along with Cancer Research UK.

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Thank you all for the support, it means so much to us at this very sad time.

Good night,
God bless Kim

DEATHS

ALBANESE KIM MICHELE (NEE HECKLE)

April 13 2016
Peacefully in hospital aged 47 years.

Kim will be very sadly missed by all her loving family and friends. Funeral service on Saturday 23rd April at St Andrews Church, Maghull at 9.00am followed by Cremation at West Lancs Crematorium, Burscough at 10.45. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Queenscourt Hospice c/o Thompson F.S 175a Liverpool Rd South, Maghull, L31 8AA. Telephone 0151 526 1815

COX DEBBIE

11th April 2016
Aged 53 years

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CLOUGH ALAN MICHAEL

14th April 2016
Aged 51 years.

Much loved Husband of Mandy, proud Dad of Michael, Jennie and Tony, loving Son of Edith and the late Eric. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 25th April at 10.40am. No flowers by request please but donations in lieu of flowers are being gratefully received for Queenscourt at Home. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

DANIELS ALAN

Passed away peacefully on 12th April 2016, aged 88 years

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DURKIN NORA (MRS D)

14th April 2016
Aged 82 years
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STRINGER PAULINE

14th April 2016
Aged 67 years

Passed away peacefully at home after a long illness surrounded by her family. Devoted Wife to Joseph, loving Mother to Jennifer and Stephen, very proud Nan of Ella-Rose and Joseph. Loved by all and missed by everyone. Funeral service to take place on Tuesday 26th April at 1.20pm at Southport Crematorium. Bright colours to be worn. Family flowers only, donations if so desired to Macmillan Nurses and the Royal Liverpool Charity. All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk L39 2EY. Tel 01695 572997.

DEATHS

GRANDAD BERNIE LARKIN

8th April 2016

You may not be here anymore but our memory's will never fade, your jokes, our laughs, our smiles will always remind me of what a wonderful Grandad you are. Love Kieren, Becca and Amelia xxx

GRANDAD BERNIE LARKIN

Goodnight Sleeptight
8th April 2016

Your smile has gone forever, your hand I cannot touch. I have so many memories of you grandad and im going to miss you so much. Love you forever, Amy and Mason xxx

LARKIN BERNARD (BERNIE)

On 8th April 2016
Peacefully in hospital surrounded by his loving family aged 74 years.

Devoted Dad of Darren and Debbie, dear Father in law of Peter, cherished Grandad and Great Grandad of all his Grandchildren. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St Francis of Assisi Church on Thursday 21st April at 10.15am followed by committal at St Helens Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868.

LARKIN BERNIE

(Dad)
08.04.16

What are we going to do without you dad, you have always been here for me and Kyle. No words can express how we both feel. Goodnight and godbless, love you always mate
Darren & Kyle
xxx

DEATHS

GRANDAD BERNIE LARKIN

Will forever miss you
8th April 2016

Tears streamed down my face when I saw you that way. I love you grandad, I will love you everyday. As my tears raced down my face, I knew you'd soon be in a happier place.
Love you always grandad, Callum, Lacey, Sienna, Sofia xxx

LARKIN BERNIE LARKIN

Passed away peacefully
08/04/2016

The moment that you left me my heart was split in two one side was filled with memories the other side died with you remembering you Dad is easy I do it everyday but missing you is a heartache that will never go away
Good night god bless dad
From your loving Daughter
Debbie & Peter

JAMES DONNA-MICHELLE (Nee Winrow)

March 25th

Aged 49 years
Suddenly but peacefully

Loving Mum of Aisha, partner of Rachel, Daughter of Norman (dec'd) and Donna, Sister of Karl and partner Michelle and wonderful Aunt of Gabriel.

Funeral in Lincoln. Donations to Marie Curie or St Barnabas Hospice. Enquiries to 0151 526 4916

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ASHCROFT FRANK GRAHAM

The family of the late Frank Graham Ashcroft wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement. Also for the cards, letters of condolence and donations to Rufford Cricket Club and Derian House Children's Hospice. Thanks to doctors and staff of Wards 11B, 9A and 9B at Southport Hospital. Thanks also to Fr Nicholas for a comforting service, to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, and staff of The Hesketh Arms, Rufford.

IN MEMORIAM

JOHNSON JIMMY

20th April 2015

There is always a face before us, a voice we would love to hear, a smile we will always remember, as a Brother we loved so dear.
Deep in our hearts lies a picture, more precious than silver or gold, it's a picture of our Brother, who's memory will never grow old.

Love from sister Alice, brother Brian, niece Christine and sister in law Jean

WILLIAMS (BENNETT) JILL

20th April
LOVING DAUGHTER, SISTER AND AUNTIE

If tears could build a stairway, and memories a lane, we'd walk right up to heaven, and bring you home again.

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Mum, David, Nigel, Julie & Ian
xxxxx

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2016/0189/FUL Two storey side extension including balcony to first floor at rear. Installation of chimneys on side elevations and erection of detached double garage at side. General remodelling including facing materials at The Former Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Westhead.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2016/0230/FUL Proposed single storey extension to the rear and new single storey porch to the front elevation at Barley Farm, Southport Road, Scarisbrick.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2016/0341/FUL Extensions and alterations to include dormers to front and rear elevations creating accommodation at first floor level. Single storey extension to rear at 1A Tunley Lane, Wrightington.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2016/0367/FUL Single storey first floor extension onto existing garage at 6 Narrow Lane, Clieves Hills, Aughton.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2016/0371/FUL Erection of detached out-building/garage at The Homestead, Frog Lane, Lathom.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2016/0384/FUL Removal of the agricultural occupancy condition No. 1 imposed on planning permission Ref. 8/5/4574 at The Croft, Moss Bridge Lane, Lathom.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2016/0274/FUL Construction of underground garage at Scarrig, Parbold Hill, Parbold.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2016/0365/FUL Loft conversion comprising side and rear dormer at 3 School Lane, Westhead.
Application No: 2016/0378/FUL Two storey side extension with single storey extension and pitched roof to garage at Stoneleigh, Brandreth Park, Parbold.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2016/0382/FUL Demolition of existing rear outbuilding and erection of detached summer house at 10 Spring Bank, Appley Bridge.
Application No: 2016/0383/LBC Listed Building Consent - Demolition of existing rear outbuilding and erection of detached summer house at 10 Spring Bank, Appley Bridge.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI — Dated: 20th April 2016
Director of Development and Regeneration — PDNOT894

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(B5250 MOSSY LEA ROAD, WRIGHTINGTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of B5250 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington from its junction with Boundary Lane to its junction with B5250 Wood Lane.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0800 hours and 1700 hours from Tuesday 10th May 2016 until Friday 10th June 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: B5250 Wood Lane – Park Hall Road – Mill Lane – A49 Preston Road – A5209 School Lane – A5209 Almond Brook Road – A5209 Crow Orchard Road and Vice Versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Surface dressing works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/2549/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(B5197 PRESCOT ROAD, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of B5197 Prescot Road, Aughton from its junction with Town Green Lane to the boundary with the Borough of Sefton.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0700 hours and 1700 hours from Thursday 5th May 2016 until Friday 3rd June 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:
South to North:
Prescot Road (B5197) - Cunscough Lane (A506) - Liverpool Road (A506) - Ormskirk Road (A570) - St Helens Road (A570) - Park Road (A570) - Aughton Street (B5197) - Prescot Road B5197.
South to North:
Prescot Road (B5197) - Aughton Street (B5197) - Park Road (A570) - Church Street (A570) - Derby Street West (A570) - Derby Street (A570) - Stanley Street (A570) - Knowsley Road (A570) - St. Helens Road (A570) - Ormskirk Road (A570) - Liverpool Road (A506) - Cunscough Lane (A506) - Prescot Road (B5197).
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Surface dressing works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701
[Ref: HRiT/2485/WH]

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NOTICE OF MAKING
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MOSS SIDE, OLD MOSS LANE, DOWNHOLLAND, SEGARS LANE, CARR MOSS LANE, HALSALL, HIGGINS LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)(INTRODUCTION OF A WEIGHT RESTRICTION) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 13th April 2016 Lancashire County Council made the above Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 1, 2, and 4 of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to introduce a weight restriction on the following lengths of road:
1) Moss Side, Old Moss Lane, Downholland, from a point 8.5 metres east of the Centreline of A565, Formby Bypass in a easterly then north easterly then south easterly direction to a point 10 metres northwest of the Centreline of Riding Lane.
2) Segars Lane, Carr Moss Lane, Halsall, from a point 6 metres west of the Centreline of A5147, New Street in a generally north westerly direction along Carr Moss Lane and Segars Lane to a point 10.5 metres south east of the Centreline of Sandbrook Road.
3) Higgins Lane, Burscough, from a point 6 metres west of the Centreline of A59, Liverpool Road South, in a westerly direction to a point 13 metres south east of the Centreline of Swordfish Close.
This Order will come into force on the 25th April 2016. A copy of the Order, and all other relevant documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of the Joint Managing Directors West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF, and at the offices of The Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services, Lancashire County Council, County Hall, PO Box 78, Preston PR1 8XJ, **quoting ref: LSG4/5.54719/DJ**. Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any of its provisions on the grounds that it or they are not within the powers conferred by the Act, or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument made under the Act has not been complied with, that person may, within 6 weeks from the date on which the order is made, apply for the purpose to the High Court.
Ian Young, Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services
20th April 2016.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(B5240 LYELAKE LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of B5240 Lyelake Lane, Lathom from its junction with the A577 Dickets Lane to its junction with B5132 Skelmersdale Road.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0700 hours and 1800 hours from Friday 6th May 2016 until Friday 3rd June 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: A577 Dickets Lane – A577 Blaguegate Lane – A577 Ormskirk Road – B5312 Railway Road – B5312 Liverpool Road - A570 Knowsley Road – A570 St Helens Road – B5132 Skelmersdale Road and vice versa.
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/2481/WH]

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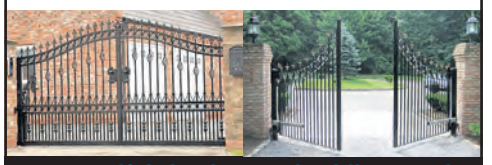

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FACEBOOK is a wonderful thing sometimes. Everyone had asked me whether I'd be driving the MGB over to the Leisure Lakes last weekend – but if I hadn't checked online the other night I'd have taken it to a postponed show in a waterlogged field.

No harm done; I stuck the show's new dates in my diary and pointed the MGB's nose up the M6 instead, and had a top day out at the Lakeland Motor Museum's classic car gathering. So spare a thought though for the poor souls – and I know some of them came from right here in the North West – who headed off to Birmingham for an event called Pride of Longbridge.

It's a brilliant event where you can see Austins, Rovers and so on in their thousands, but a combination of torrential rain the night before and a local authority rightly worried about 'elf 'n' safety meant the park was out of the question. All this about three hours before the show was due to open. Months of hard work quite literally got washed away overnight.

The last thing I want to do is turn *Life On Cars* into a forum about global warming, but it's the third time in the last 12 months I've encountered a car show that's been canned due to the rain wreaking havoc the night before. In one instance the event was pulled just an hour before it was due to start, by which point I was already halfway down the M6. Nobody likes a show being shelved by the weather, but it does seem to be happening more often.

Blaming the show organisers clearly isn't the answer – if it wasn't for them we wouldn't have all these brilliant events to take our cars to in the first place. Nope, I reckon the problem is right beneath us, it's green and about three inches long.

Apologies if you're a green-fingered type, but I'll just come out with it. Grass is a rubbish material to hold events on.

For starters it makes every car show look the same. Whether you're in Ormskirk or Inverness a field full of old cars is just that; a field full of old cars, with nothing to distinguish what part of the world you're in. It's also difficult to divvy up between all the various Triumph clubs taking part in an event without either spraying lines all over it or whacking wooden posts into it, and when you do it inevitably rains and then all your hard work is ruined.

Why aren't we using town centres more? Ormskirk does a cracking job at drawing in shoppers with its MotorFest and I know Burscough Wharf's hosted car displays to great effect – and if it rains on either, the show goes on. Why aren't more empty car parks being freed up for car events? The costs and the public liability are the roughly the same – but you don't get your shoes muddy.

It's Britain, for goodness' sake. We *know* it rains here every other day. Freddie Mercury was right when he said the show must go on – would he have cancelled because the grass was a bit soggy?

David Simister is features editor of Classic Car Weekly.

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Prices for the five-seater, double-cab truck will be announced in the next few weeks.

Honda's new hotted-up Civic

HONDA has launched a hotted-up Civic that looks like the Type-R but costs more than eleven grand less to buy.

The new Civic Sport has a colour-coded rear spoiler, 17-inch alloy wheels and a mesh grille to mimic its 306bhp sibling.

But with a 100bhp 1.4-litre engine it's a lot cheaper to buy, run and insure.

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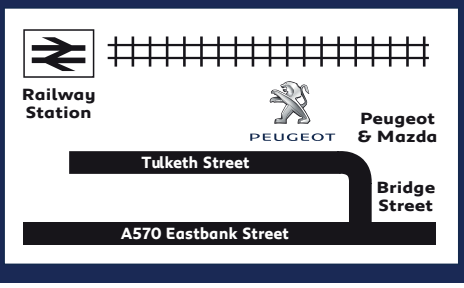

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Lookers Price	£14,499	Total Charge for Credit	£2,712.31
Customer Deposit	£500	Total Amount Payable	£17,211.31
Balance to Finance	£13,999	APR	6.9%
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Vauxhall List Price	£18,404	Optional Final Payment	£7,166
Lookers Price	£16,499	Total Charge for Credit	£3,074.84
Customer Deposit	£1,000	Total Amount Payable	£19,573.84
Balance to Finance	£15,499	APR	6.9%
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Vauxhall List Price	£9,305	Optional Final Payment	£4,499
Lookers Price	£7,799	Total Charge for Credit	£1,221.50
Customer Deposit	£199	Total Amount Payable	£9,020.50
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Customer Deposit	£137.75	Total Amount Payable	£9,225
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£120 PER MONTH*

£499 CUSTOMER DEPOSIT

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Lookers Price	£7,999	Total Charge for Credit	£1,211.25
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Lookers Price	£16,999	Total Charge for Credit	£3,025.83
Customer Deposit	£1,500	Total Amount Payable	£20,024.83
Balance to Finance	£15,499	APR	6.9%
47 Monthly Payments	£249.89		

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Vauxhall List Price	£11,935	Optional Final Payment	£4,069
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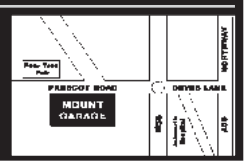

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Pay what you like to see final match of season at Whitby

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

SKELMERSDALE United's season ends on Saturday with a long trip to the North Yorkshire coast where they will play Whitby Town.

It is possible that if results go a particular way during the midweek, Whitby might have to win to ensure their survival in the Evo-Stik Premier Division for next season.

Skelmersdale were set to host Whitby's relegation rivals Stamford last night (Tuesday).

Stamford, who have won every time they have played at Skelmersdale, had to win again at Stormy Corner to have a chance of surviving.

If Skelmersdale are beaten by Stamford, it could set up an interesting game when they travel to Whitby on Saturday.

One thing that apparently is taking place at Whitby on Saturday is a pay what you want game, not a free entry game, as fans will be asked on the gate to pay what they think it is worth to go into the Turnbull Ground.

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Linnets seal play off spot with victory at Clitheroe

Clitheroe 0
Burscough 2

BURSCOUGH sealed play off qualification to give their promotion hopes a huge boost.

The win against Clitheroe has now guaranteed the Linnets a top five finish with two games to spare.

Both sides seemed to approach the opening ten minutes of the game cautiously, looking to size up their opposition before committing many men forward.

Neither side managed to hold onto possession for long spells and goal scoring opportunities were few and far between.

However, in the 12th minute the visitors were able to muster the first half chance of the game as Matthew Devine managed to reach the by-line before chipping it into the centre where William Jones could only turn his volley wide. Despite a lack of clear cut chances in the opening exchanges, Burscough did break the deadlock on 18 minutes to hand themselves the lead.

Elliot Newby showed great skill with a step over out on the right wing, before checking inside and whipping his left footed strike into the far corner of the net to make it 1-0.

The tempo of the game remained slow and the hosts were struggling to find a sight of goal until they were gifted a golden opportunity to put themselves back on level terms on 33 minutes.

Defender, Anthony Brown's careless back pass was easily anticipated and intercepted by Sefton Gonzales before the Clitheroe striker was brought down in the penalty area by Burscough keeper, Calvin Hare. Louis Mayers took responsibility and placed the ball on the penalty spot before striking it to the keeper's left only to see Calvin Hare pull off a tremendous save before diving onto the loose ball to keep the score 1-0.

Clitheroe began the second half brightly and fashioned some chances but it was Burscough who got the decisive second goal 19 minutes from time/

Substitute Liam Caddick calmly slotted home with a first time effort from eight yards out to seal all three points for the visitors after the Blues failed to clear their lines.

Burscough were due to travel to Droylsden last night (Tuesday) before hosting Scarborough Athletic this Saturday at 3pmin their final league game of the season.

Skem recover from early setback to earn a point

Skelmersdale 1
Mickleover Sports 1

SKELMERSDALE picked up a point against relegation threatened Mickleover after conceding one of the fastest goals of the season.

The away side took the lead after just 57 seconds, a Joe Fitzpatrick through ball completely split the Skelmersdale defence allowing Andy Dales all the time and space he needed to pick his spot in the Skelmersdale net.

Skelmersdale did react well and in the fourth minute Max Hazeldine put a shot wide of the far post.

Skelmersdale were pushing hard and got caught on the counterattack in the 17th minute.

Dales found Sports number nine Zeph Thomas, he beat a defender then rounded goalkeeper Martin Fearon, but now pushed wide his shot hit the outside of the post.

Skelmersdale were having more of the possession and although Mickleover were able to pick off most of the danger Skelmersdale did have moments.

Hazeldine saw a goalbound stab at goal blocked on the line on 21 minutes, then on the half-hour a Dylan Vassallo lay off gave Chris Almond the opportunity to shoot from 18 yards, but youngster Jack Tolley in the Mickleover goal was up to the task diving full-length to save.

Teenager Tony Donaldson sends in a last minute chip that agonisingly drifted wide.

Goalscorer Chris Almond is sent flying by a Mickleover defender. Picture by John Driscoll

Skelmersdale got their equaliser in 63 minutes when Almond skipped through the Mickleover defence before dinking the ball over Tolley and into the net, for his 15th league goal of the season.

Mickleover needed to win and went on the offensive but they had looked a team that do their best work on the breakaway and they struggled to breakdown Skelmersdale's defence.

Deep into added time a long ball out of the Skelmersdale defence went to Almond, he helped it on to Hazeldine who headed to Tony Donaldson; with the whistle in the referee's mouth the teenager sent a dipping shot from 25 yards over Tolley and agonisingly inches wide of the empty net.

Skelmersdale manager Tommy Lawson said after the game: "It was never going to be a classic on that surface, you have make up for good football with sheer hard work, it is just football at this time of the year."

Burscough Richmond seek new players

BURSCOUGH Richmond FC want more players to trial and possibily join the club. They have launched an appeal for more reinforcements for its adult and youth teams. If anyone is interested in playing they should call assistant manager Mike Clandon on 07877 151 917

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FUNDING FOR BARRY NOLAN WAY

LABOUR DELIVERS FOR SKEM TOWN CENTRE

West Lancashire Borough Council are committed to the Skelmersdale Town Centre Regeneration scheme that will benefit the people of Skelmersdale and West Lancashire as a whole.

As well as delivering new shops the scheme will create new leisure opportunities to the town including a cinema, restaurants and bars. The project will also bring a host of other benefits, including a high street link between West Lancashire College and the existing town centre, the construction of new and attractive public spaces, As well as delivering new shops, the scheme will create new leisure opportunities for the town including a cinema, restaurants and bars.

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This will make the town centre more attractive for shoppers and visitors.

The scheme will also create in excess of 500 new jobs.

While there are still planning stages to get through Labour is confident that they will be able to deliver on their vision of a better future for Skelmersdale.

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RIPPED OFF

WEST LANCASHIRE RIPPED OFF BY TORY GOVERNMENT

The Tories have ripped off West Lancashire council by handing big sums of money to wealthy councils in the south of England and almost nothing to West Lancashire.

In a £300m pay out to areas with Tory MPs the government has dished out more money to Surrey in the South of England to the tune of £12m.

West Lancashire has been given just £7,000 in extra cash. Labour council leader Ian Moran said:

"The unfairness of Tory cuts since they came to power has been a disgrace. The most vulnerable people are hit hardest by these cuts and this is another cynical attempt to cushion the wealthiest from the cuts. They are the same old Tories.

"Whilst Surrey are thinking about how they spend their extra cash, we're frantically campaigning for the government to keep our flood pumps operational to make sure residents aren't flooded."

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LABOUR MAKES HEALTH AND WELLBEING A PRIORITY

The health and wellbeing of our residents is a key concern for Labour sport and leisure is a key way of ensuring healthy communities.

In Skelmersdale, we are committed to delivering a new sports facility in the town. The Tories closed the previous sports centre in 2012 but we have agreed £2.3 million to finance major new Initiatives across the borough.

Labour have developed a Leisure Strategy that sets out our aims for the next decade. It covers the enhancement of existing premises and the capacity to provide new facilities.

Other health and leisure initiatives will include £3,000 towards the cost of new inflatables for Aqua Fun sessions at both Nye Bevan Pool, Skelmersdale, and Park Pool in Ormskirk.

Working in partnership with West Lancashire Community Leisure Trust, the Aqua Fun Session prices will be reduced from £1.90 to £1 during the summer holidays.

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Proposals for a new cycle route through Skelmersdale's Tawd Valley have taken a step forward after Lancashire County Council approved funding for the scheme.

Work is scheduled to deliver the Barry Nolan Way ready for use by the public for Autumn 2016, with funding of £200,000 from West Lancashire Borough Council and £272,000 from Lancashire County Council.

Detailed designs have already been produced for the route which will link West Lancashire College and the town centre to Summer Street near Lathom and Our Lady's [Queen of Peace] High Schools via Tawd Valley Park. It will also improve links to existing cycle routes in Ashurst and Birch Green.

The route is a joint project between the borough council and the county council. The opportunity came about after the borough council agreed a £200,000 contribution from money raised through developer contributions from nearby development sites.

The Barry Nolan Way will make a real difference by providing a well-surfaced off-road link for walkers and cyclist, between Skelmersdale town centre, Stanley Industrial Estate and a number of educational establishments.

Cllr Neil Furey said: *"We are delighted that Lancashire County Council has named the new cycleway in memory of Barry Nolan. He was a hard working Skelmersdale councillor who was very passionate about the Tawd Valley and campaigned hard for this cycleway."*

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YOUR LOCAL LABOUR CANDIDATES

GAIL HODSON ASHURST

Gail has been reselected by local residents in Ashurst to stand for Labour in the elections after four years of standing up for them.
A keen environmentalist, Gail has been working in the community on many issues including the opposition to the Whitemoss Landfill site extension, and fracking in the area, where she has held information sessions with the Ashurst Tenants and Residents Association.
Working with fellow ward councillors, Gail is working with the development of over 500 houses at the Whalley's site in Ashurst, delivering accommodation for local people.
Speaking on the Whalley's development, Gail said: *"As detailed plans are submitted, we will ensure residents are given the chance to have have as much input into the detail of this development as possible as it will have such a profound impact on the local environment."*

CLAIRE COOPER BIRCH GREEN

Local community activist Claire Cooper has been chosen by residents in Birch Green to be their Labour candidate in the upcoming West Lancashire Borough Council elections. Claire, who lives in the town, volunteers with many local groups including E Rooms, Quarry Bank and at Skelmersdale Library. She is also a Governor at Woodlands Primary School, and helps out at Skelmersdale Community Food Initiative (SCFI). Claire previously worked in the NHS at Liverpool Women's Hospital and is also a qualified teacher. She now supports adults with additional needs and still undertakes supply work in schools.
Widowed at 27 with two young children, Claire has worked all her life to provide for her family and now lives with her husband Ron in Skelmersdale and supports her children and grandchildren as they are increasingly hit by Conservative Government policy and cuts.

KEVIN WILKIE DIGMOOR

Kevin is proud that he has been re-selected by local people to stand for the Labour Party in Digmoor.
Kevin is not only known for his work as a councillor but also in his community. Taking an active part in such projects as "Beat Sweep" and "Bright Sparks." As a member of the Labour team he holds surgeries at the Concourse on a regular basis.
Since Labour took control of West Lancashire Borough Council in May last year he has taken on the responsibility of Cabinet Member for Street Scene.
Ensuring that protecting and improving the way the borough looks and the environment is one of our top priorities.
Kevin works full time in Lancashire Fire and Rescue Services and is a very committed within the trade union movement currently serving as Chair of the Lancashire Fire Brigade Union.

TERRY ALDRIDGE MOORSIDE

Terry has been selected again by local people to stand for the Labour Party in Moorside. He has been representing the community for many years on the district, borough and county councils. But he is not just well known for his council work.
Terry became the Champion for Older People and put forward the proposal that a national government should have a cabinet post for older people. Following the election of a Labour Administration last year, staying true to their beliefs, Terry became the first Cabinet Member for the Older People in West Lancashire.
Terry has not stopped there. He attends community meetings organised by elderly groups and holds a regular surgery in the Concourse on Saturdays between 11am and 12noon.

NEIL FUREY SKELMERSDALE NORTH

New Church Farm's Neil Furey has been chosen to fight for Skelmersdale North for a third consecutive term.
Neil has undertaken many roles within the party including as Leader of the Opposition, and leads on many of Labour's campaigns locally, most notably his opposition to the Bedroom Tax.
In Skelmersdale, Neil works closely with campaigns, such as opposing the Whitemoss Hazardous Landfill extension, and sits as a Governor on two local schools, Crow Orchard and Our Lady Queen of Peace. He also enjoys organising the borough councillors to take on the Skem Men-Aces in a charity football match each October.

DONNA WEST SKELMERSDALE SOUTH

Donna West has been chosen as your Labour Party Candidate for Skelmersdale South Ward in the elections in May.
Donna grew up in Skelmersdale and raised her family in the town. She still lives in Skelmersdale on High Street in Old Skem.
As your councillor Donna has worked with her Labour colleagues on a number of initiatives to improve the area, for example tackling anti-social behaviour and opposing the Whitemoss Landfill Site extension. Donna is proud to have led the campaign against the car-parking charges which the last Conservative administration threatened to impose on Sandy Lane Shopping Centre. Donna said, *"Working with residents, shop owners, Lancashire County Council and our MP, we managed to stop these charges which would have been detrimental to the area."*

GAYNAR OWEN UP HOLLAND

Up Holland Councillor Gaynar Owen has been chosen by Labour to return and fight the upcoming West Lancashire Borough Council elections. Gaynar who lives in Alma Hill has represented the residents of Up Holland for the past four years and has been selected again due to her strong record locally which includes tackling flooding and speeding issues.
In the ward, Gaynar has worked with fellow councillors and the Parish Council to improve the play areas in Crawford Village, and is working to address issues of unlawful caravan sites and increased social housing in the ward. Since Labour took control of West Lancashire Borough Council only last May, Gaynar has been promoted to the role of Vice Chair of Planning and also sits on the Funding of Voluntary Organisations Group.

BERNIE GREEN WRIGHTINGTON

Local resident Bernie Green has been chosen by residents in Wrightington Ward to stand as the Labour candidate in May's Borough Council elections.
Bernie has recently retired from a busy career, initially as a market researcher, then as a sales negotiator for over 20 years. She is keen to bring this skillset to the representation of the people of Wrightington Ward.
Bernie has always been active in local voluntary activity. She served as secretary of the Parent Teachers Association of St Teresa's Primary School and sat on an advisory group for St Peter's High School. She was also part of the ladies' fundraising group for St Teresa's Church, a Citizen's Advice Bureau volunteer, and a local care home volunteer. She is also a Marriage Registrar.
A mother of two, Bernie lives in the ward and is now a carer for her husband.

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- ✔ Assigned £450,000 for the Barry Nolan Way cycleway
- ✔ Invested 1.7million in the Green Shoots project bringing new industry and jobs to Skelmersdale
- ✔ Kickstarted a £3million Beechtrees revival project to start this year
- ✔ Build 42 new council homes this year at Firbeck
- ✔ Constructed a new toddler play area at Beacon Park
- ✔ Spent £12million upgrading homes in Skelmersdale

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